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Alternative spring breaks show students other reality

By Deena Miller
STAFF WRITER

While many students spent their spring break tanning in the tropics or relaxing at home, 43 Saint Michael's students tried something a little different.

Through the Office of Campus Ministry and MOVE, SMC students and staff learned first hand about the rewards of helping others.

The Extended Service Opportunities offered six programs, from Washington D.C. to Selma, Alabama, to help make a difference in others' lives.

Sophomore Rob Connolly went to the Parish Outreach program in Long Island, NY. "I went with an open mind and expected to get a better understanding of the world we live in. You can't save the whole world, but you can save part of it,"

he said.

Parish Outreach serves as a soup kitchen and supply distributor for immigrants who have difficulty supporting themselves, sophomore Sarah Spesia said. Because many are illegal citizens, they can't ask for federal aid, she said.

Four SMC students helped serve food and hand out clothes to those in need. Spesia said she was nervous before going but soon learned that "people are really appreciative when you help them out. It taught me that simple things really mean a lot."

"It was more rewarding than going to Florida or doing nothing at home," Connolly said.

Junior Deb Cady said she would "do it again in a second." Cady attended the SOME (So Others Might Eat) program in Washington

D.C. along with seven other students.

SOME serves as a soup kitchen and medical clinic for the homeless, she said. "Most were highly educated. For many it (their homelessness) was a matter of circumstance, not skill. Many wanted to work," she said.

Cady and the other students helped paint the clinic, separate clothing donations, and work in the soup kitchen. They also had a chance to talk with many of the homeless. Many just "wanted someone to talk to," Cady said.

"It makes you look at the big picture rather than complain about the little things. It was a reminder that anything can happen to you, we're not indispensable," she said.

Senior Ken White
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Photo by Rev. Steve Horvat
Beth McGrath paints on a 123-break trip to Vredenburg.

Seniors raise over \$60,000

By Sherri Bult
STAFF WRITER

A record has been set by the senior class. They have topped every other graduating class in raising the most money donated to the class gift fund. They have also surpassed their own goal by over \$10,000!

So far, the class has raised \$60,600, exceeding its \$50,000 goal. The seniors who have already participated have each donated \$10 and have pledged to contribute \$38 each year, for the next five years.

The size of the senior class has helped to double the \$30,000 raised by last year's class. There are 483 seniors in the class of 1991, and 303 have donated.

Some officers of the committee are glad to see the amount of enthusiasm in the class. "So far 64 percent of the class has participated and I am very pleased. I hope it continues to increase," Chad McEachern, Chairman of the class gift committee, said.

Some seniors are also happy to see the support of their fellow students. Senior Darrel Depot donated to show his continued support for the college.

"I think it's important to support the school after graduation as well as when I'm here," Depot said. "I donated because I wanted to give something back to the school for the tremendous academic experience I have received here."

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End of war in Gulf brings relief, pride

By Jason Aldous
STAFF WRITER

Just a short time after St. Michael's students began their spring break, Allied forces began a long-awaited ground offensive against Iraqi positions in Kuwait. Feb. 27, President George Bush ordered a cease-fire 100 hours after the soldiers had begun, and called on Iraq to immediately negotiate a permanent cease-fire.

Many St. Michael's students said that while they were confident the Allied forces would be victorious, they did not envision victory coming so swiftly.

"I was surprised that the war went by that fast

considering the conditions," said senior business major Doug Beaudin.

Like many other students, Beaudin said he expected a stronger response from Iraqi forces.

"I guess they were just weakened by the air attack, but I thought Iraq would be a lot more aggressive," Beaudin said. "I was also kind of surprised that they didn't use any chemical weapons and that so few soldiers were killed."

While some students expressed surprise, others expressed relief. One of these students was senior Karen Ashley, whose brother Glenn was serving in the Persian Gulf.

Ashley's brother is a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. She said his unit was sent to Saudi Arabia just three days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August. She added that his unit was also going to be one of the first to return to the United States.

"It feels like a huge weight has been lifted off," Ashley said.

In spite of the cease-fire, Rev. Thomas Hoar, Director of Campus Ministry said the prayer vigils Campus Ministry has been conducting will go on, at least until the end of the semester.

"The services will
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New sm~~oking~~ing policy adopted

By Lynn A. Molinaroli
STAFF WRITER

Think twice before you light that cigarette.

The new Smoking policy, effective May 15, 1991, prohibits smoking throughout all college buildings, including all common areas, private offices, halls, restrooms and vestibules except for a few designated areas in Allot Hall and some rooms in the residence halls.

"All common areas are non-smoking now, including the basements," Director of Human Resources Patricia Slattery said.

The policy was written by Slattery and was recently approved by SMC President Paul Reiss and the Cabinet, which includes all college vice presidents and Presidential Assistant Rev. Dick Myhalyk.

The Cabinet received 23 responses about the proposed policy before it was passed. Over half of the responses were in favor of the policy, Slattery said.

"The vast majority (of responses) were for the policy," said Ernest Guilmain, vice president for Financial Planning.

The policy reads, "In order to provide a safe

and healthy environment for the college community and to assure compliance with Vermont smoking policy legislation, it is the policy of St. Michael's College to maintain a smoke-free campus. We are defining 'smoke-free' environment in this context as a work and living space in which no individual is forced involuntarily to breathe smoke from cigarettes, cigars and pipes."

It will replace the

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-SMC Smoking Policy

original Smoking policy written in June 1988 and was updated in September 1989. Former smoking areas in designated vestibules of St. Edmund's Hall, Cheray Science Hall, Founders Hall, Jemery Hall, Ross Sports Center, Sloane Art Center, McCarthy Arts Center and

trade shop luncheon areas and Durick's Library's third floor library are now non-smoking.

Ashtrays in these areas will be removed, Slattery said.

Mary Alice Gower of the Vermont Health Department said the department, in July 1988, passed the work-site smoking law which requires "every Vermont employer to develop a written policy" about smoking.

"The policy must either ban smoking entirely or restrict smoking to designated and enclosed smoking areas," Gower said.

A Vermont Lung Association pamphlet on "Smoke at the Workplace" covers workplace smoking laws. "The idea behind these laws is that the preferences of both nonsmokers and smokers should be considered, whenever possible. However, when these preferences conflict, the health and preferences of non-smokers should come first," the pamphlet reads.

Journalism instructor Andy Potter has smoked for about 25 years but says that the new policy doesn't bother him.

"It doesn't bother me because I don't feel that I need to smoke indoors. If I want to smoke I can go outdoors. I can do my work here and not smoke," Potter said.

Physical Plant Secretary Marilyn Gamelin agreed.

"It doesn't bother me. I can go until noon without a cigarette," Gamelin said.

Other smokers aren't so enthusiastic about the policy.

"When there were smoking areas I used to use them. If they disappear, I'll smoke in the corridors. What is the College going to do? Arrest me?" Sophomore smoker Nick Gregoire said.

"Some smokers are furious about the policy," Slattery said.

Health Services Staff Nurse Kathy Auletta deals with smokers, (faculty, staff and students), on campus. About half of the people who come in and want to quit are those having health problems connected to smoking, Auletta said. Others want to quit because "they used to be able to run, bike and play sports," and now they can't because of shortness of breath and

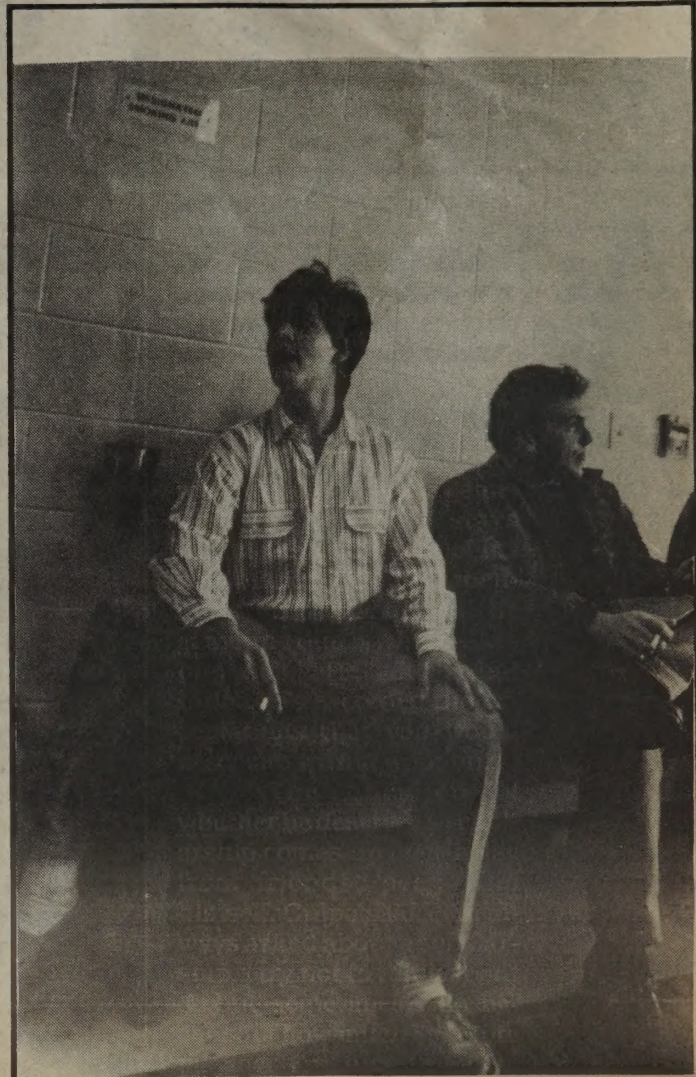


Photo by Dave Adornato

Juan Arsuasa (left) and Pedro Nikken (right) smoke in the St. Edmund's Hall stairway near CIP.

other problems due to smoking, Auletta said.

Auletta coordinated a support group of smokers recently, who gathered to discuss common problems. Auletta, an ex-smoker who quit 10 years ago, gives smokers a self-help quit smoking program called "Freedom From Smoking in 20 Days," which includes a signed contract to quit.

Freshman Kim DeWitt attended a few of Auletta's group sessions and has been smoke free since Jan. 6, the first day of the semester.

DeWitt said she used smoking as a "crutch" and for socializing for about a year and a half. She decided to quit when she noticed how it was affecting her health.

"I was climbing three flights of stairs and I was short of breath," DeWitt said.

DeWitt agrees the Smoking Policy is a good idea.

"I could be in the third floor landing of St. Edmund's and smell the smoke from the first floor. Now smoking is a turn off to

me," DeWitt said.

One of the issues that was central to the policy's approval was the fact that some of the older buildings don't have ventilation systems to air smoke out and even the newer ones that do, send the smoky air to the other offices through the vents, Slattery said.

According to the Vermont Lung Association, smoke contains about 4,000 chemicals and 50 cancer-causing substances and is also very addictive.

In a report on smoking released by the Surgeon General it is determined that "The pharmacologic and behavioral processes that determine tobacco addiction are similar to those that determine addiction to drugs to such as heroin and cocaine."

Area colleges are also re-examining the issue of smoking on campus.

"No smoking is allowed in the buildings except for designated areas in the dining hall. You can smoke in residence halls too," Director of Champlain College Health Services Dee Bilowith said.

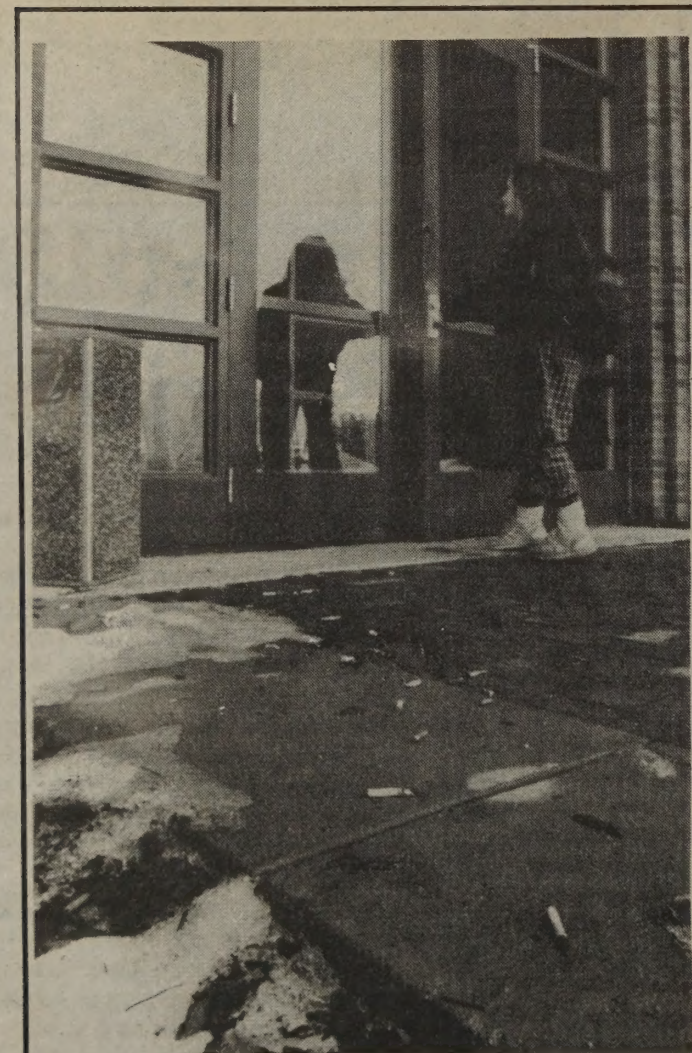


Photo by Dave Adornato

Cigarette butts litter the ground outside St. Edmund's Hall

Program judged 'a success'

Alternative breaks enlightening

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headed further south to Selma, Ala. He and 11 others from SMC first toured Selma to understand its historical significance during the civil rights movement and to prepare them for what they were going to see, White said.

"We learned what the blacks had overcome, but also learned that they had further to go," he said. The group then split in half between Vredenburgh and Pine Apple, Ala.

White worked in a poor community called "The Quarters" which is a mile radius of shacks in Vredenburgh. He and the others installed windows, built porches, and made front steps to help people enter their doorways several feet off the ground.

"The main reason we were there was not to fix steps, porches, and windows. If we can go down there and little kids can see white people being friendly and wanting to help them out, that's what it's all about. It gives them a dif-

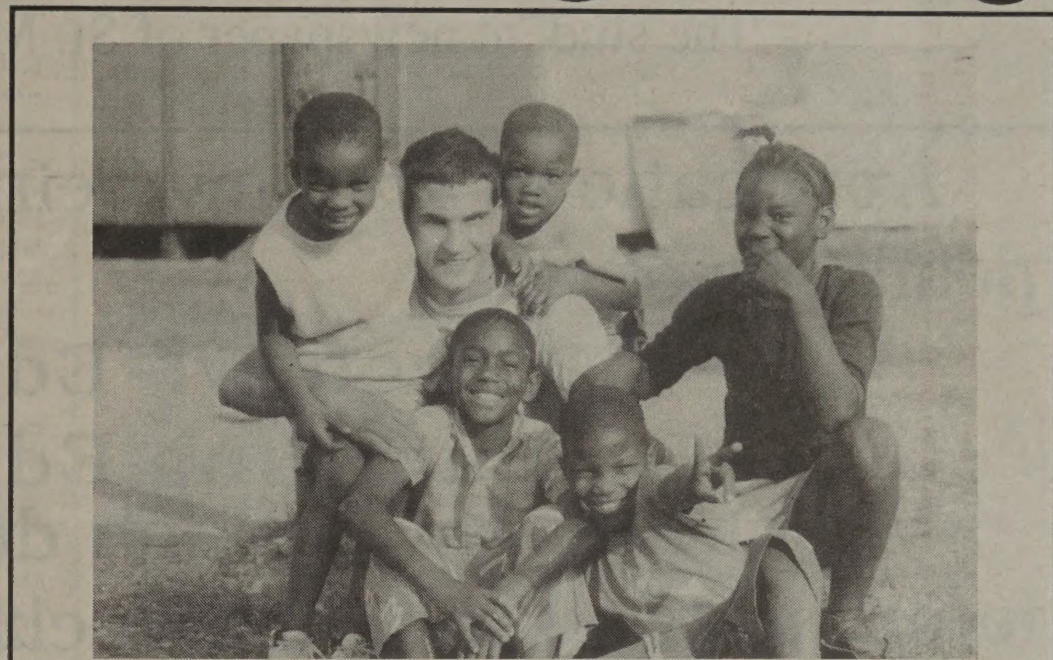
ferent view of white people, not just as money collectors as they may think," White said.

White said few people help them out except the Edmundites. "The mission of the Edmundites is something we don't see here at Saint Mike's. We see them as administrators and educators. They have a lot of people in southern missions. It opened my mind; they were an inspiring and motivating force."

Junior Deirdre Whitman agreed. "The priests, sisters, and lay people are very dedicated to improving the quality of life."

Whitman participated in the program in Pine Apple, Ala. which installed windows, put up walls, but more importantly they served the people, she said. "I realized that no matter where we are from, we all have the same basic needs of love and concern."

"You learn about yourself and what's going on in the world," junior Robin McEachern said of her experience. She volunteered at Hope House on



Rob Teas poses with newfound friends in Vredenburgh, Alabama.

Photo by Rev. Steve Hornat

Long Island.

Hope House counsels about 30 men between the ages of 16 and 25 who come from dysfunctional homes or have had drug or alcohol problems, she said. "It was a lot of just hanging out and talking to the guys," she said.

"You expect to give a

part of yourself, but you end up taking more," McEachern said.

Senior Colleen Scully said she was a little nervous at first. She went to Covenant House in New York City which sponsors a program for young pregnant mothers and a shelter for runaways.

"I was really scared. Eighth Avenue had lots of pornography, drug dealers, people, cars, and noise. The scene was so different from here. But by the end we were used to it," Scully said.

The first few days were spent babysitting in the nursery giving much needed love and attention to the babies, Senior Lynn Martin said. They also acted as tutors and companions for the runaways.

"We all talked to kids who were abused and sold drugs. They were forced into a situation which couldn't be controlled because they haven't gained the skills," Martin said.

"What we saw is something we all know is out there but is put off to the side. No one knows how big it is until they're in the

middle of it," Martin said.

Senior Tammy Frain went to Covenant House and also served as the student coordinator of the Extended Service Opportunities program.

"I went last year and wanted to do more this year. I wanted to let people see what's out there and to go beyond their awareness," she said. Her experiences through the program have influenced her to spend time at Covenant House after graduation.

The 43 student participants were chosen from a pool of about 90 applications, Father Steve Hornat of Campus Ministry said. He also made the trip to Vredenburgh. Hornat, Frain, and MOVE Director Neila Anderson coordinate the programs.

"From what I've heard, it was very successful. All the sites had good experiences," Hornat said. He and other volunteers were interviewed by a Newsweek reporter who may include the article in a future issue.

Hornat said the SMC program began in 1986 with five students participating. There were a record number of applicants this year, Hornat said.

"It was well beyond what we expected," he said.

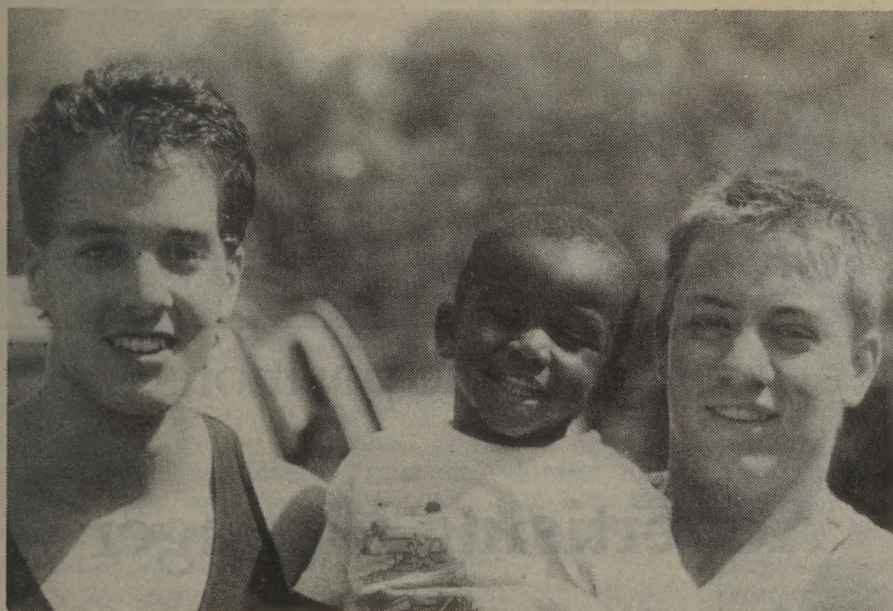


Photo by Rev. Steve Hornat

Craig Rousseau, left, and Pete Favreau, far right, learned more about themselves by helping others less fortunate.

Senior class gift breaks record

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Last fall, officers foresaw a problem in collecting money because of the number of seniors living off campus this year. "There were a lot of seniors who said they wanted to donate but lived off campus, making it difficult to collect the money," said Kristin DeLuca, solicitor for the fund. "We have a group of about 20 solicitors who have been collecting money from everybody."

The committee tried to alleviate the problem of locating people by allowing people to donate at senior gatherings.

"We encouraged seniors to pledge their donations at the time senior pictures were taking place,"

McEachern said.

If seniors did donate during senior pictures, they received a discount on tickets to the winter semi-formal.

Seniors are still able to donate to the fund. "Participation is important and it's great so many people have pledged," DeLuca said. "We would like those who haven't donated yet to give whatever they can."

All donations will be put towards a room in the library once renovations are complete. Those who donated will have their senior pictures hung in the room.

Pledges will begin one year after graduation. "We want seniors to make any type of donation, so they feel like a part of the class," McEachern said.

House to Rent: Multi-bedroom student houses available June 1st, all close to UVM. Parking-Washer/Dryer. Call evenings 985-2865 before 10 PM.

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Applications are now being accepted for the positions of :

Executive Editor

Managing Editor

Applications and job descriptions can be found in Prof. Dianne Lynch-Paley's office, St. Ed's 212, ext. 2469

Deadline is March 22 at 12 p.m. in her office. Interviews will be held between March 25 and March 27. All are welcome to apply.

Attention

Business - Minded

St. Michael's Students!

Applications are now being accepted for the positions of

Business Manager

Advertising Manager

Circulation Director

Applications and job descriptions can be found in Prof. Mike Donaghue's office, St. Ed's 219, ext. 2442

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Lab director winds it up Ashline to retire; recalls memories

By Christina Walpole
STAFF WRITER

After 25 years of duplicating tapes and directing the language laboratory on campus, Robert Ashline has decided it is time to press the forward button one last time and retire this April.

Ashline began working at St. Michael's College in 1965 when the lab was located in Austin Hall. Three years later, the lab was moved to the Dupont Language Center on north campus, which Ashline said was larger and a lot more private. In 1987, the lab was moved to its present location on the second-floor of St. Edmund's Hall.

Ashline said his job is not a difficult one, but he realizes that over the years his duties have changed somewhat—a fact he attributes to advances in technology as well as to his own ambition. When he first started as director, all he had was a lab, but the college soon added audio, the aid of work study students, and duplicating equipment. "A lot of it (the additions)

was that I was agreeable to learn, so they kept adding," he said.

Change was not limited to the re-building of the campus and the in-lab additions. When St. Michael's went co-ed in 1977, Ashline noticed an impact. "When I first came here, it was one wild bunch. When it went co-ed, it calmed down, and became more studious. The women seemed to have a real calming effect."

The busiest time in the lab, Ashline admits, has always been around mid-July with the influx of many international students. His only complaint is that his office is becoming very cramped with the installation of new shelves and equipment.

One piece of equipment he doesn't mind, however, is his radio, which is always tuned to the news to keep him in touch with current events.

Ashline says his most memorable experience at St. Michael's was getting his 25-year award this December at the Sheraton. "At such a nice place and in front of 600 colleagues and



Photo by Dave Adornato

Robert Ashline pauses in the repair facilities of the language lab.

friends—it really meant something," he said.

The faculty, staff, and students at St. Michael's College say they have enjoyed working with Ashline and he will be missed.

"We appreciate the years of good-natured help he's given to our faculty and students," said Professor

Kathleen Rupright, head of the modern languages department.

"Although I've only been able to work with Mr. Ashline for a year, I found him to be very friendly and outgoing. He was always willing to help and he provided a relaxed atmosphere that was fun to work in," said junior Kim Galvin, a

work-study student in the language lab.

Ashline lives in Essex with his wife Claire, who has worked at St. Michael's for 18 years and may be retiring next fall. When Spring rolls around, Ashline said he is looking forward to spending his free time fishing at his cottage on Lake Champlain.

Mahady to speak at graduation '91

By Christina Walpole
STAFF WRITER

Vermont District Court Judge Frank G. Mahady has been named as guest speaker for St. Michael's College class of 1991 commencement on May 12.

A native of Taunton, Mass., Mahady attended both Dartmouth and Georgetown universities. He was appointed District Court judge in 1983 and then to the Vermont Supreme Court in 1987. In April 1988, Mahady resumed his District Court seat.

Mahady was named Vermont's Volunteer of the Year in 1984, was awarded the Judicial Achievement Award in 1988 and was named one Vermont's top achievers of 1990 for his magazine, "Excellence."

Mahady lives in Essex Junction with his wife Sherry (who works in St. Michael's campus ministry) and daughters Tara and Shannon.

Senior class president Carrie Luistro said she and vice-president Ken White began the process of finding a guest speaker a few months ago when they sent letters to the faculty and members of the class of 1991 requesting nominations.

The speaker is selected by a commencement committee based on the criteria of academic excellence, service and achievement, and humanistic ideals, Luistro said.

Mahady said he was "both surprised and very pleased" when he received a letter from St. Michael's President Paul Reiss asking him to speak at graduation.

Mahady said he hasn't begun preparing his speech, but has a few "general ideas of what I'll talk about."

When asked if he was a little nervous about being the last speaker to give advice to the graduating class before they enter the real world, Mahady replied, "Oh, somewhat yes, and a little worried about sounding presumptuous."

Bookstore sponsors contest

By Jason Aldous
STAFF WRITER

Textbooks are just one of the many expenses college students must face every year. For one St. Michael's College student, however, this will not be a worry next year.

The St. Michael's College Bookstore will sponsor a contest that will provide free books to a student for one full academic year, according to store manager Pat Altimari.

Altimari said the winner must guess how much money the bookstore will have given back for students used books for the period from December 1989 through the end of the current semester. The student who comes closest to the correct amount of the buybacks without going over will win.

The contest is also open to seniors. Even though books are no longer a concern for them, Altimari said it would have been unfair to leave them out.

"If a senior wins, we will go to the registrar and see what classes the person had during senior year and the books they used," Altimari said. "Then we'll

send them a check over the summer, because we won't know the total until after exams are over."

Altimari said this year's book exchange will run from April 29 to May 5.

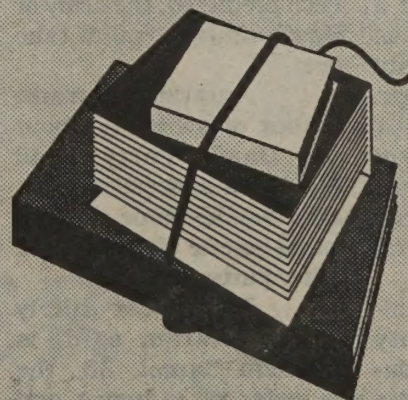
Altimari said the purpose of the contest was to give something back to the students and to raise the level of awareness of cutting the cost of books.

"I think students will be really surprised to see how much money they have gotten back," Altimari said.

Altimari said the St. Michael's Bookstore has been buying back books since December 1989. Previously, students wishing to sell their books had to deal with an outside company that the bookstore contracted for the purpose.

"These companies would basically give wholesale prices for books, at a real small fraction of the original cost," Altimari said.

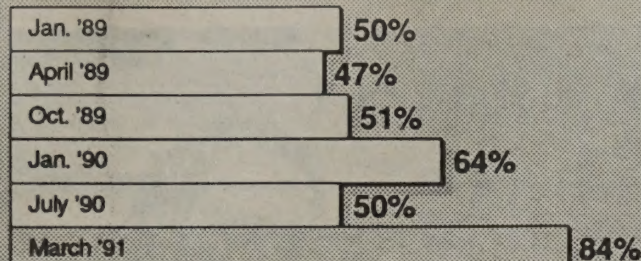
Altimari said the St. Michael's Bookstore is able to give back to students up to 50 percent of a book's original cost. Altimari said the only stipulations are that the book's binding not be broken, that it will be used the following semester and that it is not an outdated edition.



President flying high

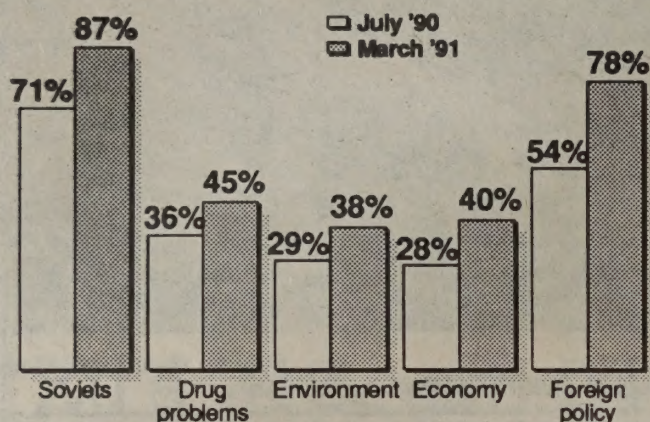
Foreign policy successes have sent President Bush's overall approval rating — the percentage of people giving him an A or B — to an all-time high. And that support has helped him domestically, says the latest USA TODAY Poll.

Overall support



On specific issues

Those giving Bush an A or B for dealing with:



Source: USA TODAY telephone poll of 802 adults nationwide, conducted March 2-3 by Gordon S. Black Corp. Sampling error: 3.5 percentage points.

Keith Carter, USA TODAY

After Saddam, who comes next?

By John E. Peterson
USA TODAY

Middle East specialists have a new guessing game: Who comes after Saddam Hussein?

With the Iraqi president publicly humiliated in battle and possibly seeking asylum in Algeria, experts are sketching scenarios for postwar leadership in Baghdad.

Iraq has had little democratic experience since gaining independence from Britain in 1932, so the possibilities are diverse:

— Installation of a temporary government of democratic-leaning Iraqi exiles who left rather than live under Saddam.

— Ascension of someone from Saddam's inner circle of the ruling Baath Party, army or secret police.

— A plebiscite allowing Iraq's majority Shiites to create a fundamentalist Islamic state, similar to the one in neighboring Iran. That option would be the height of regional irony, since one reason Iraq and Iran fought each other for eight years was that Iran wanted to topple Saddam in favor of a Shiite state.

A high-level administration source said a quartet of dissident exiles is prepared to take power in

Baghdad on an interim basis if Saddam is deposed or flees.

Edward Peck, chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad from 1977-80, said Saddam will manage to keep power — at least a while — through his secret police.

"It really doesn't matter whether the Iraqi people are enraged at him," Peck said. "He hasn't stayed in power because he's popular and loved, but because he's feared."

If Saddam leaves, Peck predicted, the army or Baath Party would take over.

Amatzia Baram, author of a history about the Baath Party, said Saddam's successor probably would come from a small coterie of relatives or other party insiders.

The most likely choice, Baram said, is Saddam Kamel, 33, the minister of industry and military production. He is Saddam's paternal cousin and is married to the president's daughter, Ghada.

Kamel has been to Saddam what Albert Speer was to Adolf Hitler, assembling Iraq's sprawling military-industrial complex by recruiting foreign experts in nuclear, chemical and conventional warfare.

Persian Gulf war ends, troops start for home

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continue as long as there is still a military presence and still a great upheaval in the area," Hoar said. "We have to realize that the potential for violence in the region is still very much there."

Hoar said that even though Allied forces achieved victory, the focus and the message of the prayer vigils will remain the same.

"Since we began them, the focus has been understanding conflict and division and seeking ways for peaceful resolution of conflict," Hoar said.

History department chairman Francis Nicosia said he wasn't extremely surprised by the relative ease of the Allied victory in the ground war.

"I was skeptical of the talk of how powerful the Iraqis were," Nicosia said. "I assumed a certain amount of it was just propaganda."

Nicosia said any glory Saddam Hussein gained from standing up to the United States and its allies, would probably not last long.

"For the time being, I think he will be seen as a

hero by many Palestinians, but I don't think this heroism will last," Nicosia said.

The amount of anti-American sentiment in the Persian Gulf region will depend on the actions the United States takes in regard to the conflict between Palestinians and Israel, according to Nicosia.

He said if the United States can't get Israel to compromise on the issue of giving disputed land to the Palestinians, then by association the United States could experience a backlash of anti-American sentiment.

As a historian, Nicosia said he did not like to predict the future, but said that Saddam Hussein "may have a good chance of surviving and staying in power."

Nicosia said the United States has traditionally refused to help opposition movements in Iraq, thus making it necessary for these groups to find aid elsewhere. He also said Hussein's fate will depend in large part on the actions of the United States' allies.

In spite of the victory, U.S. forces will prob-

ably be in the Persian Gulf for "quite some time" according to Army Major Kurt Froeb, a professor of military science at the University of Vermont.

"We have already begun to pull out our rapid deployment forces, such as the airborne divisions, for the simple reason that they might be needed in another part of the world," Froeb said.

Froeb said the duty of "mopping up" and rebuilding the damage in Kuwait will fall primarily to the National Guard units. Froeb said he could only guess at a time frame, but due to the extensive damage wrought by the war, he said this could mean a long stay for engineering units such as Vermont's 131st Engineers.

Froeb said that he was personally surprised by the relative ease of the victory, and expected a great deal more resistance from Hussein's "elite" Republican Guard.

"It's really a miracle that so few of the soldiers were killed," Froeb said.

Serata Italiana!

Buon Appetito

"Come on up to see the Big D."

Marriott's Spring Semester Special Events Calendar

Italian Night

Every Wednesday night at North Campus

Caribbean Knight	Wednesday	March 13th
Subs by the Inch	Thursday	March 21st
50th Knight	Sunday	March 24th
Sundae Bar	Monday	March 25th

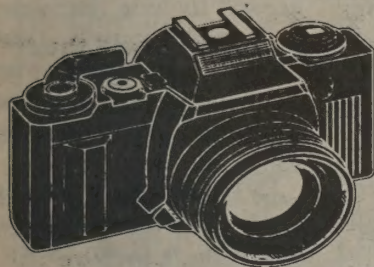
Mexican Knight	Wednesday	April 3rd
Sundae Bar	Tuesday	April 9th
Steak Knight	Wednesday	April 17th
Brunch Buffet	Sunday	April 21st
Sundae Bar	Wednesday	April 24th

Student Association Resolution:

The Student Association has had numerous complaints regarding the actions of drunk people and are trying to spread the word on keeping this behavior under control. The General Assembly passed the following resolution:

"The General Assembly of the Student Association of St. Michael's College is strongly opposed to the actions of those who disrupt the lives of others with their disorderly use of alcoholic beverages."

SENIORS!



Please send your pictures (not slides) to Box 2938 or 3407 by March 31 for the Senior Slide Show. They will be returned if you write your name and address on back.

WWPV 88.7 FM
Saint Michael's College Radio

'PV is looking for individuals to fill the 1991- 92 Executive Board Positions. Letters of intent are currently being accepted for all six E-board existing positions.

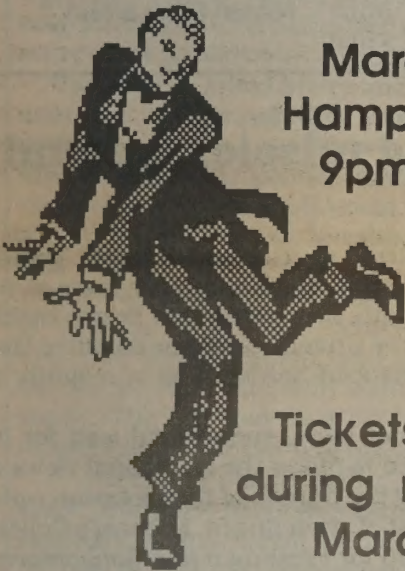
The positions are -

- Station Manager
- Program Director
- Music Director
- Business Manager
- Production Manager
- Director of Public Relations

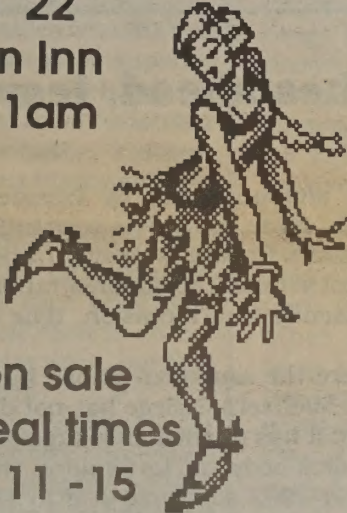
Letters of intent are due Friday, March 15.
Interviews will be held Wednesday, March 20.

Any questions? Call Bill Conlon 655 - 1990.

Stag Junior Class Semi



March 22
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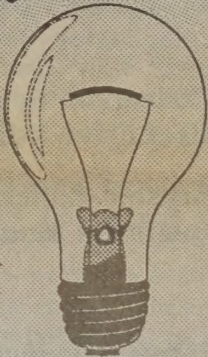
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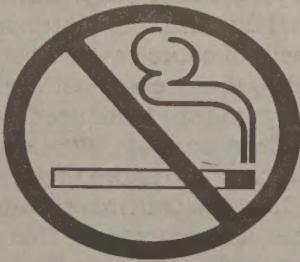
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Spring break experience will forever be remembered

By Colleen M. Scully
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

As the van pulled onto 8th Avenue, my jaw dropped and my eyes became big, soaking in all the clutter that surrounded us. This was Spring Break—Covenant House, New York City.

It is easy to recall my first visions, they will be imprinted on my mind forever. I'm not ashamed to say I was terrified. People everywhere. Cars and taxicabs rushing down the avenue, beeping and honking. Immense buildings looming overhead. Noise. Graffiti. Pornography. As I stepped out of the van onto the street, I felt as if I were stepping into a tippy canoe.

What I experienced during my stay in inner-city New York was a bizarre

and twisted modern Oliver Twist tale. Covenant House, a shelter for run-a-way teen-agers, is a safe place for young victims of the streets to stay and get their lives organized. Many of these kids have been through terrible, terrible experiences. The stories they shared brought tears to my eyes.

One boy of 15 had been beaten by his step-mother and ran away but he had nowhere to go. Anywhere was better than home, so he spent a few nights alone on the streets, huddling in cardboard boxes. He soon made his way to Covenant House where he is currently trying to gain residence on one of the boy's floors there. He's got bright ideas and big plans for his future. His big happy eyes hide the pain he's endured.

Another, whose age I don't know, told me his fa-

ther used to choke him steal his paychecks from his construction job. After he'd had enough, he ran to the streets, where he became involved with drugs. He is now at Covenant House, working again and getting help with his drug problem. Underneath his streetwise and tough exterior is truly a sweet innocent person.

Others told of their families pushing them out of their home simply because they couldn't afford to keep them. Each had a different but equally haunting background. But they all were homeless, and were so because of outstanding circumstances. None of them wanted to be homeless. Once on the streets, these kids had three options to survive: sell drugs, sell their bodies or steal. As a result, many became addicted to drugs, caught a wide variety of

sexually transmitted diseases or wound up with criminal records. Some of the young women we met there were having babies so they could receive welfare checks.

The kids we met at Covenant House were the lucky ones. Some of the full-time volunteers told us there were hundreds out there who can't be saved because they've been on the streets too long. I was shocked when I read in a Covenant House bulletin that many kids who are out there are living in the subway stations—most haven't had showers, they're infested with bugs and they become animalistic. They are shed of all dignity.

These kids are living proof that there is a serious mix-up of priorities in the governmental system. I sincerely hope George Bush meant what he said when

he addressed the nation in his post-war speech. He said he would start taking care of our problems at home. I hope he doesn't overlook the vicious cycle of poverty in our nation. Covenant House in New York City alone helped rescue 28,000 homeless kids from the street last year. That doesn't include all other major cities, that doesn't include homeless men and women, that doesn't include those who can't afford to eat, or those who don't have running water.

By the end of my Spring Break, I no longer felt like I was in a tippy canoe. Oddly enough, I felt very comfortable in the middle of Times Square. I knew who was on the streets and why—and I had no reason to be afraid.

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SMC pushes ahead, leaving mission behind

Richard P. Morin II
CLASS OF '92

The recent announcement by President Reiss on tuition increases greatly disturbs me. It is an issue which has seemingly followed me through my years at St. Michael's. St. Michael's College is raising tuition again, something that seems highly unusual at this point in time. The administration of the United States has admitted that the country is presently in a recession, time of financial hardship for a majority of Americans.

A time where the American public has to cut back, endure and wait for its inevitable end. St. Michael's College has not decided to follow the traditional views of a recession. Instead it has pushed ahead redirecting the burden of the recession upon the St. Michael student body and its families. The cost of attending St. Michael's College will rise for the 1991-1992 academic year to \$16,355 for Freshman and Sophomores, while tuition will increase to \$15,180 for Juniors and Seniors. St. Michael's cites the major reason for increase in cost is to generate more money for financial aid. Students during a recession need more financial aid. Okay, that seems fair enough until you look at it.

During financial hard times for all Americans, the college is asking for more money from its student body. But, the College says the money will be used to boost financial aid. I find this quite interesting and confusing. If we have to pay more to come to St. Michael's of course we are going to need more financial aid. Why not stay at the current level so that we will not need more financial aid. The College says in times of recession incoming students need more financial aid to make their matriculation at St. Michael's College possible. Wouldn't a college with a lower price tag and a quality education be more attractive to prospective students?

The College wants more money from its students so that it can give more money to its students. It appears to me that we are staying at the same position only at a higher cost to the student. President Reiss was quoted as saying on Jan. 29 at the Student Association meeting, "St. Michael's College is a college, but it's also a \$30 million a year business." I find this statement to be true, but also very disturbing to me as a student. I view the College as an academic institution first whose foremost goal is to provide a decent education at a fair price. The question arises in, what is a fair price and should we look at ourselves as a business.

It appears to me that St. Michael's has come to view itself as first and foremost a business not an academic institution. The goals of the business are to make money, which any good business would want to do. Instead of cutting back and reallocating money from budgets the school continues to spend. I think a prime example of the school's economic mismanagement is the moving of trees from the Library to the north entrance. The cost to St. Michael's and inevitably its students is \$10,000. The idea for moving the trees was sound but was it a proper thing to do in the economic circumstances? Couldn't the money be used for something better?

The College appears to be building for tomorrow and sticking the bill for it to the students of today. The College has created a private agenda all its own. St. Michael's is striving to be a Colby, Bates, Amherst or Middlebury, an exclusive school with a large price tag. The present students do not seem to fit into the plans or needs of the college as they claim. In times of a recession you are to cut back and conserve, however in the true St. Michael's tradition we push ahead leaving the mission of the school behind.

A Word of Caution

By Anthony Buono
COLUMNIST

Operation Desert Storm was the most lop-sided war in modern history. Americans, who watched the war unfold on television, are justifiably ecstatic over this tremendous victory and its relatively low cost. President Bush's record high approval rating of 90 percent is clear evidence that many Americans, even many who opposed the war, can not help but be swept up by national pride.

Right now it is difficult not to believe that America is the biggest and baddest kid on the block and that it can do just about anything it wants. After all, the U.S. ate Grenada for breakfast, Panama for lunch, and just had Iraq as the entree at a dinner feast which it shared with 37 of its best friends.

This surge in national pride has been intensified by so many Americans falling in love with technology early in the war. Patriot missiles captured our hearts and imaginations. So did Stealth fighters, Tomahawk cruise missiles, F-14s, F-15s, F-16s, F/A-18s, A-6s, A-10s, smart bombs, and all the other marvels of American know-how which made Operation Desert Storm a showcase of technology. Americans simply could not get enough information about the various gadgets of war. They ate it up like sugar coated junk food. There are books about the weapons of Operation Desert Storm, pull-out posters in popular magazines, and charts and pictures of weapons in most every news publication - The Defender included.

Though the United States and her allies won the war with Iraq, and though the United States has superior technology and the world's best military machine, this must be kept in perspective. Americans must remember that superiority does not equal invincibility. Vietnam may be behind us now, but the United States still can lose a war.

Americans sometimes forget this fact and think of Vietnam as a fluke. After all, the U.S. defeated England, Mexico, Spain, and Japan each once, and Germany twice. But with wars, track records do not count. The U.S. may be 6-1-2 in major wars, but this means nothing in the scheme of things.

A rule of warfare is that if you get cocky, you get dead. "Stormin'" Norman Swartzkopf and Colin Powell realized this, and, luckily for the allies, Saddam Hussein did not. But the next leader that America may find itself at war with may not be so cocky. He may not be such a poor general. He even may follow through on all his threats. If Hussein had been a better general and/or he used chemical weapons, as he threatened to, the "mother of all battles" most likely would have been significantly more costly for the U.S. and her allies.

It is important to remember that Operation Desert Storm was such a smashing success because Americans were not cocky about the prospect of war. Iraq's military was given its due respect, maybe even more than it deserved. While Hussein was ranting and raving about allied troops drowning in their own blood, the allies were modest and forthcoming about their own capabilities and never forgot the human cost inherent in any conflict.

It is also important to keep in mind that in some respects Operation Desert Storm was a fluke. From the first night of air raids, right up to and including the massive ground assault, casualties were miraculously light. There is no way that one can reasonably expect the casualties to be so low in another such conflict. Also the Gulf War had a clear cut front and a reasonably safe rear area. This is not always the case in today's world of insurgencies and civil wars. Vietnam and, more recently, Lebanon vividly testify to this fact.

Americans definitely deserve to be proud of their national accomplishments in the Gulf War. But this victory must be kept in perspective. America must continue to speak softly and carry a big (smart) stick. And should America have to raise that stick again, to whack another nation or madman, let us not be overconfident. Should America become cocky as a result of this victory, the impact of victory could lead to future tragedy and, quite possibly, defeat.

Opinion Energy efficiency today for a brighter tomorrow

Prof. Doug Facey
FACULTY ADVISER TO HEAT

The Persian Gulf crisis has brought the issue of U.S. energy policy and our dependence on foreign oil to the front of many people's minds. For many others, this issue has been a high priority for about 20 years. In the 1970's, when oil embargos resulted in skyrocketing oil prices and long lines at gasoline stations, our national leadership started us down the road to energy independence. Energy conservation and efficiency helped shape national policies. Automobile mileage standards were increased. Alternative energy research was supported. And we made good progress.

When oil prices dropped in the 1980's, short-term economic gain took precedence over long term planning. Rather than moving toward energy independence, we imported more foreign oil. Our dependence on foreign oil became greater than it had been in the 1970's. U.S. policy makers no longer considered efficiency to be important. Meanwhile, in many other industrialized nations, progress continued in the area of energy efficiency. While we fell back on policies of the past, other nations looked toward the future.

As Americans we bear a special responsibility for increasing energy efficiency. With less than 5% of the world's human population, we use over 30% of the

world's energy. The average American uses as much energy as three Japanese, 13 Chinese, over 150 Bangladeshis, or nearly 500 Ethiopians.

There are many good reasons to support increased energy efficiency. Improving energy efficiency now is one of the greatest ways we can decrease the rate of global warming. Burning fossil fuels is the largest single contributor to increasing levels of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. Increased levels of these gases in the atmosphere trap heat, somewhat like the panes of glass in a greenhouse. Hence the name "the Greenhouse Effect." We all contribute to the greenhouse effect through our energy use patterns. Motor vehicles account for about 25% of the carbon dioxide released in this country; burning one gallon of gas releases about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air. From 1975 to 1982, government standards pushed average mileage ratings on new cars from about 13 mpg to over 21 mpg. In 1989 our average was only about 24 mpg. When compared to other major industrialized countries, U.S. cars have among the worst overall fuel efficiency. An increase in fuel efficiency to 40 mpg could save as much as 8 to 9 billion barrels of oil, or more, over the next 20 years. Think about this the next time you go shopping for a new car.

We can help decrease our impact on oil consumption and global warming by altering vehicle use patterns. Slow down a bit on the highways, share rides with friends, ride a bike, or walk more often. A 10% decrease in vehicle miles traveled could save about 720,000 barrels of oil per day.

We can improve energy efficiency in many aspects of our lives, not just in our driving habits: little things like turning off lights when you leave a room, installing water saving shower heads, insulating hot water heaters, or switching from traditional light bulbs to compact fluorescent lights. Recycling is another way that we can help save energy and reduce the rate of global warming.

We need to realize that each and every one of us can make a difference. The decisions that we make today will determine what kind of world we'll be living in 25 to 50 years from now. If you really want to begin providing for a secure future for yourself - a future with cleaner air, a hospitable climate, secure food supplies, and greater economic opportunities - begin today by making a commitment to energy efficiency. You'll be helping yourself as well as people for generations to come.

(HEAT will host Mr. Leigh Seddon, an energy consultant and President of Solar Works, Inc. on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:30 pm The Farrel Room)

Letters to the Editor...

MCHV glad to have SMC volunteers

To the Editor:

We've recently has the pleasure of working with some terrific civic groups from St. Michael's College. As a non-profit organization that relies on fundraising and volunteer efforts, the Medical Center Hospital appreciates the enthusiasm and good work St. Michael's students offer Chittenden County and the state of

Vermont.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, students from Crown and Sword came together as phone-a-thon volunteers to help raise funds for MCHV's Associates Annual Giving Fund. In three hours of calling, over \$1,200 was raised from new donor gifts to help purchase essential outreach programs. Everyone had a great time and helped make a difference for our community.

The next Saturday, Feb. 16, over twenty students took part in the fourth annual Children's miracle Network Bowl-A-Thon to help raise funds for pediat-

ric health care services. St. Michael's rescue fielded two teams. The Program Board and Bacchus each formed teams. All teams raised over \$250 with Rich McCollim, Jr., of Bacchus, single handedly bringing in more than \$450.

St. Michael's students are good citizens and good neighbors who clearly care about our community. We wish to extend our sincere appreciation, and look forward to future projects together.

Susie Babbot
MCHV DEVELOPMENT
COORDINATOR

Local rap group Zone 1 opens up for Vanilla Ice

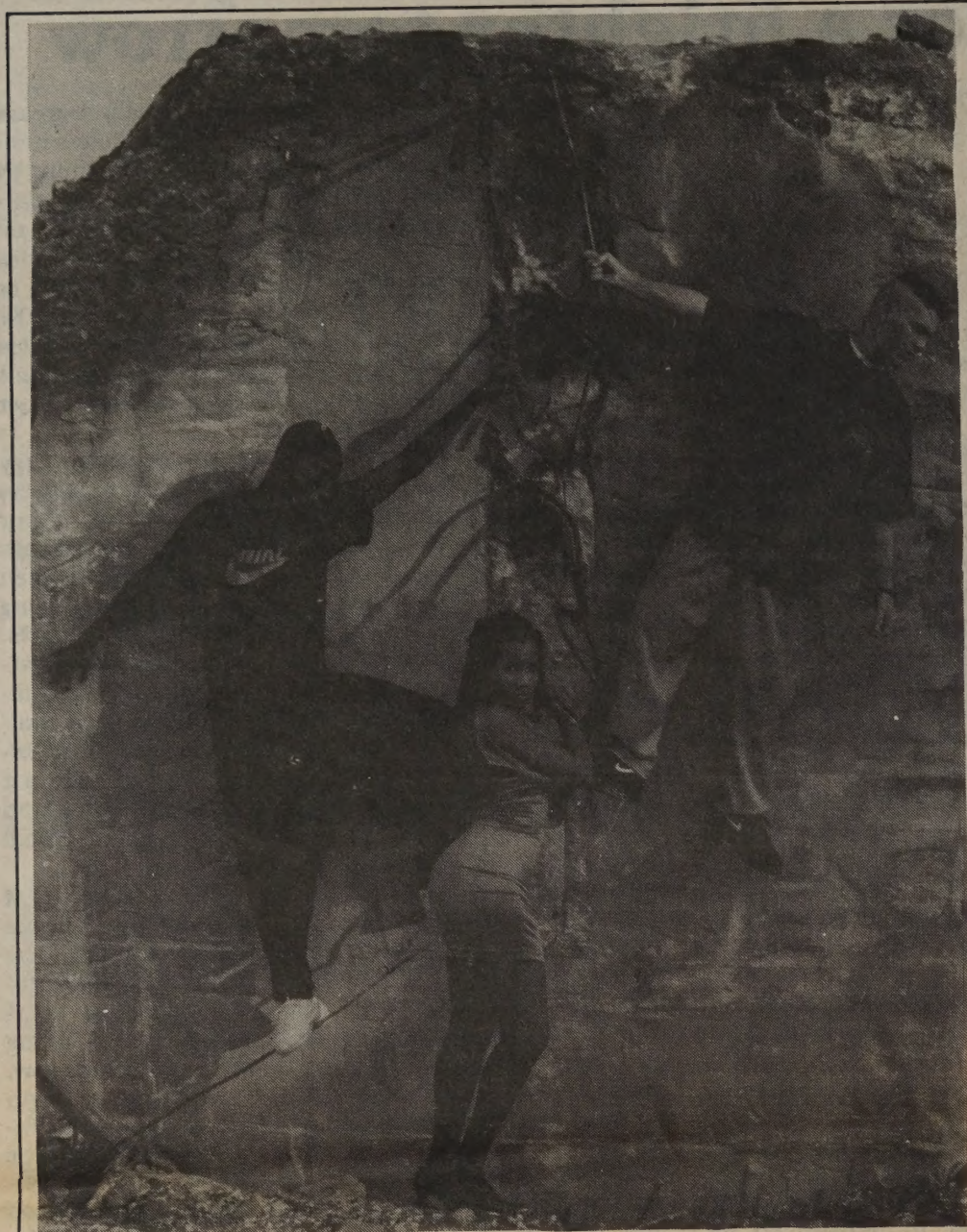


Photo by Eric Shannon

The members of Zone 1 from left, Tony Rhodes, Monyque Thompson and Kevin Smith.

By Rob Reuter

STAFF WRITER

When rap superstar Vanilla Ice takes the stage at Burlington Memorial Auditorium March 26, the crowd will have been warmed up by Zone 1, a Burlington-based rap group whose members include two St. Michael's students.

The members of Zone 1 are Tony Rhodes, a Burlington native, and two St. Michael's students, Kevin Smith and Monyque Thompson.

Smith, who uses the stage name Keveo or The Thin Man, says a booking agency approached Zone 1 about opening the show. "We have ties at All Points Booking," Smith said. "They asked us to do it."

"We've done a lot of shows in the area," Thompson said. "The only other way [Vanilla Ice] could have gotten a rap group would be to bring one in from New York or Chicago," she said.

Thompson said she is looking forward to the show. "It doesn't scare me, but I realize this can make or break us," she said.

Smith said he felt the same. "I'm very excited, but not nervous," Smith said. "We've had lots of stage experience," he said.

Zone 1 originally consisted of only Smith and Rhodes, Smith said. They met following Smith's performance in a contest at the Border nightclub last year, Smith said. "Tony approached me afterwards and suggested we go to a studio and lay down some tracks," Smith said.

Smith and Rhodes opened for D. J. Jazzy Jeff and The Fresh Prince at the Burlington Memorial Auditorium, and The Hooters at

"It doesn't scare me, but I realize that this can make or break us."
—Zone 1 member Monyque Thompson.

Ross Sports Center last year, Smith said. "I'm not as nervous [opening for Vanilla

Ice] as I was when Jazzy Jeff came to town," Smith said.

Thompson joined Zone 1 seven months ago. "They [Smith and Rhodes] wanted to change their sound," Thompson said. "They heard I could sing, so they called."

"We took her into the studio and laid down some tracks," Smith said. "It worked out, so we asked her into the group," Smith said.

Zone 1 writes their own songs, Thompson said. "Sometimes the guys write for me, sometimes I write," she said. They rotate who sings, Thompson said. "It all depends on the song."

AIDS spreads despite promising research

By Kim Painter
USA TODAY

Government AIDS research is on the right track but should be better coordinated and needs more money, says a study released Thursday on the AIDS work by the National Institutes of Health.

Despite some successes, "the disease continues to spread, and therapies are at best only partially effective. The major battles and victories lie ahead," said William Danforth, chancellor of Washington University in St. Louis, who led a National Institute of Medicine advisory panel that scrutinized AIDS research at the nation's premier research facility.

The report was presented to a congressional committee Thursday.

While largely complimentary of the initial scientific response to the AIDS

crisis, the panel said a more considered approach is needed now.

"We need to dig in for the long haul," said Dr. Melvin Grumbach, a panel member from the University of California-San Francisco.

The NIH is made up of several institutes concentrating research on a host of human ailments —

from cancer to aging to mental health. No single institute handles AIDS; work on the disease is divided among several, including the Na-

tional Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Cancer Institute.

The report recom-

among those directing AIDS studies, inside and outside NIH. The panel considered but rejected the idea of creating a single "AIDS institute."

— Seek a 25 percent increase in the \$800 million AIDS budget, without taking money from other areas.

— Adopt a five-year plan for AIDS research and step up planning for huge human trials that eventually will be needed to test a vaccine.

— Conduct a controversial and long-delayed nationwide survey on sexual behavior and other

AIDS-related risks.

— Consider making supervision of AIDS programs, now under NIAID Director Dr. Anthony Fauci, a separate position whenever Fauci steps down. But the report praises Fauci's juggling of the two roles.

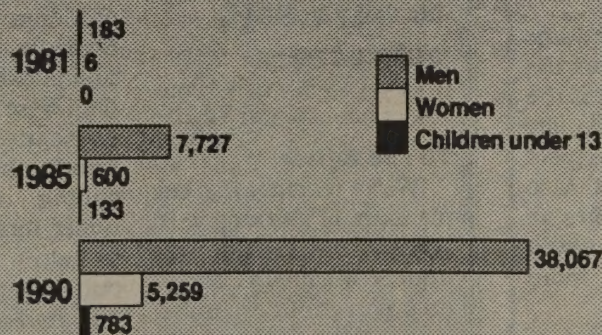
Fauci said many proposed changes are under way and others are under consideration.

"We acknowledge that much remains to be done," he said.

One panel member worried that the report might sound too positive. James Elgo, a New York AIDS activist and a frequent contributor to the research debate, said, "I would hate for the message to go out from this report that the AIDS epidemic is being handled adequately. It is not. ... I would hate for the public to believe the crisis is over."

The spread of AIDS

AIDS, once considered the disease of gay men or intravenous drug users, has spread to the general population. Yearly number of cases reported in the U.S.:



Source: Centers for Disease Control

This chart shows that AIDS doesn't discriminate as it spreads throughout our nation.

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Reviews

Hard rock group Tesla attempts a new sound with their third album, 'Five Man Acoustical Jam'

By Nathan Dusablon
STAFF WRITER

From its rousing start of "Comin' Atcha Live," to the down-home finish of "Down Fo Boogie," Five Man Acoustical Jam is a brave triumph for Tesla.

The album consists of an all-acoustical performance recorded live in Philadelphia. Most hard-rock bands would be quite reluctant to turn off the electricity and just play, but Tesla takes on the challenge and does an excellent job with it.

Five Man Acoustical Jam is Tesla's third album, and certainly its most

energetic and fun-filled. Performing songs from both previous albums, diehard fans will certainly not be disappointed.

Hits like "The Way It Is," and "Love Song," seem re-born when played acoustically. By adding an almost Honky Tonk sound to songs like "Comin' Atcha Live," the band shows a feel for real, back-to-its-roots American rock.

Tesla also breathes new life into the Beatles' hit

"We Can Work it Out," and adds a rendition of the Rolling Stones classic "Mother's Little Helper" that should

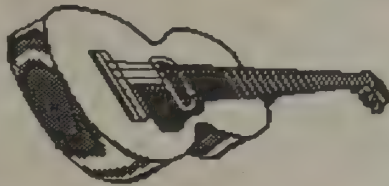
make any Stones fan proud. Lead singer Jeff Keith's captivating

vocals give the band a sophisticated and distinct sound, one which is a welcome change from the world of pop and so-called "glam-our rock."

"Signs," the album's

first single, is a definite highpoint on the album. A remake of the original song by the Five Man Electrical Band, the rousing chorus and clever lyrics make the song a joy to hear many times over.

Tesla should be given much praise for attempting this unusual project. The quality of each song is excellent, and even strict fans of electric-based rock will enjoy them all. It's a sound you don't expect from a hard rock band, but Tesla makes it succeed. To anyone who loves rock-'n'-roll but is looking for a slight change, this album should be just what you need.



Oliver Stone directs new film about a legendary band

Kilmer brings Jim Morrison to life in 'The Doors'

By Dan Tuohy
STAFF WRITER

There are knowns, unknowns, and in between are The Doors. The life and adventures of Jim Morrison and The Doors are brought to the cinema by director Oliver Stone. Stone recreates the deep attention-grabbing lyrics of the Doors, woven into the drug scene typical of the '60s era.

The focus of the movie is Jim Morrison's highly poetic genius and charisma, revolving around his energetic performances. Actor Val Kilmer is transformed into Morrison. He looks like Morrison, acts like Morrison, and sings like Morrison. Supporting actress Meg Ryan plays the role of Morrison's loyal girlfriend. Amid this musical journey of the Doors, Kilmer and Ryan portray a lifestyle of chaos and flux in the sixties, very much dependent on drugs.

The highlight of the movie was the beginning, because the youth of Morrison was enjoyable to watch. It was interesting to see Morrison discover his talent after dropping out of UCLA Film School, and begin to discover drugs. The Doors appear very colorful and exciting when they first receive fame, while later in the film the performance of keyboardist Ray Manzarek, played by Kyle MacLachlan, begins to fade.

There is so much drug use in this movie that you start to feel eu-

phoric sitting in the theatre. Even an uncomfortable movie seat becomes relaxing, and with dolby stereo surround sound, you feel as if you're at a Doors concert feeling the groove. You can smell the aroma of alcohol and see the cigarette smoke rise before a dancing Morrison.

Soon you start to understand Morrison, and if you disliked him before, you begin to feel sympathy for him on his wild odyssey. Loyal fans came in droves, and people watched to see the unwinding myth, the legend, Jim Morrison.

Throughout the film Morrison is portrayed differently from the group, and

is often advised to leave the band. Morrison could not leave, because it would "break the circle," as he called it.

He didn't leave, more so, because the entire time he and the other members were experiencing an incredible trip. They took drugs to expand their minds,

and Morrison continued to enlighten himself throughout his life until he died of a heart attack in Paris in 1971. Morrison's life is viewed as 27 years of creativity and spiritual discovery.

Morrison struck upon brilliance, anarchy, and the unknown. He was

fascinated by death and William Blake's book, "Doors of perception." He was glorified by his music, which he and the Doors used to "break on through to the other side," one of their songs touching on death.

A scene from an early gig at a night club describes Morrison's outlook on life, as Kilmer jumped on a car outside and yelled at the crowd, "How do you people know you're really alive... God is a monster of energy."

Though Kilmer was on a psychedelic trip, he touches on the theme of the Doors — to uncover the meaning of life and death. Kilmer clarifies Morrison's point near the end of the movie, when he says that "we were reaching for death at the end of a candle."

While Morrison might say, "I am the Lizard King, I can do anything," his candle had burned out, and the doors had closed.

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Saint Michael's Health Services
What's News at the Health Center?

For Flu - For Flu - For Flu - For Flu

Signs and Symptoms:

- * Cough
- * Fever
- * Sore Throat
- * Nasal Congestion
- * Body Aches

You can help yourself:

- * Minimize your activity
- * rest in bed
- * Drink clear fluids (juice, water, ginger ale) at least 10 glasses daily.
- * do not take aspirin - use Tylenol
- * over-the-counter medicines will curb your symptoms - not cure you.

You should be checked into Health Services:

- * If you feel worse instead of better after 3 - 5 days.
- * If you fever rises over 101 degs. for more than 24 hours
- * If you are concerned about your illness.

The Health Service is open Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Coffee Hour, truly an 'international' event

By Kevin Bourke
STAFF WRITER

Coffee hour in the first floor lounge of St. Edmund's hall welcomes both international and American students to socialize every Wednesday at 3:15 p.m.

Coffee Hour was designed to provide a social hour for international students, but American students are also welcome, coordinator Kelly Cullins said. Refreshments and snacks are provided each week.

"You have the opportunity to meet other persons, talk to friends, and have fun," Jose Gomez, a student from the Center of International Programs (CIP) said.

International students are not the only ones who come, however. "We attract American students, as well as people from CIP," sophomore Ross Young said. Young helps set up tables each week. "Everyone looks forward to it every week," he added.



Photo by David Adornato
Krishnan Castillo, Flory Fuentes, and Erin Stehmeyer (left to right) enjoy each others company at Coffee Hour.

"More and more American students are coming which is wonderful," Cullins said.

Holidays provide interna-



tional students a better opportunity to understand our culture, Cullins said. Valentine's day, for example, is a holiday not many other countries celebrate.

Coffee hour participated in Valentine's day by picking names out of a hat and making a card for that person, Cullins said.

Food from different countries is often prepared for special occasions. Last week, Argentinian food was prepared in honor of three students from Argentina who had finished studying here after six weeks, Cullins said.

Pablo Villalta, a junior from Honduras, said that "the most interesting thing is people speaking their own languages. It's like listening to different

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COFFEE HOUR!!

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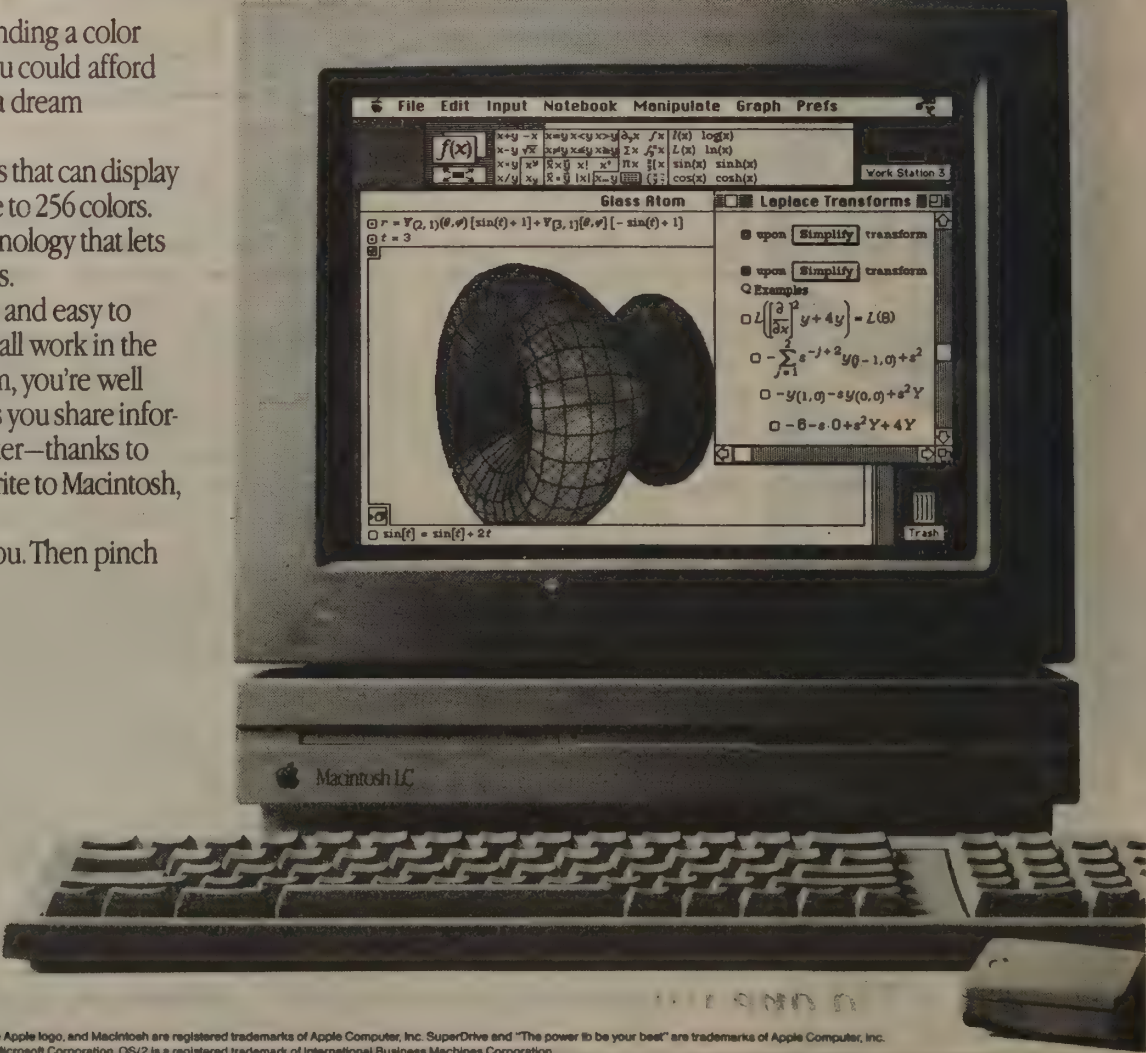
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Apple introduces the Macintosh LC. If you thought that finding a color Macintosh® system you could afford was just a dream, then the new, affordable Macintosh LC is a dream come true.

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SMC wind and jazz C.A.R.E.S.

By Rebecca Padula
FEATURES EDITOR

St. Michael's wind and jazz groups are putting their talents to good use. This semester they will be performing a host of concerts, most notably a benefit for the Vermont Committee for AIDS Research, Education and Services (Vermont C.A.R.E.S.).

The Vermont C.A.R.E.S. benefit concert will take place on March 28 at 7:30 in McCarthy Arts Center. It will be the second benefit they have played for Vermont C.A.R.E.S.; last year they performed a similar benefit on campus.

Wind and Jazz Conductor Dr. Paul J. Leclair said, "We'd like to get some student support this year. We're just asking for donations at the door, there won't be any outrageous prices. Last year was too much."

Last year's concert cost \$10 per person and got a low turnout, but Leclair said, "I like the idea of doing benefits. Last year we raised over \$5,000 for children's diseases (research),

children's hospitals, and children with AIDS."

"I'm very pleased to see Dr. Leclair and the students helping this cause. It's a nice way for the college to give something back to the community," said Dave Landers, director of the Student Resource Center.

Landers, who served for two years as Vice-Chair of the board of directors for Vermont C.A.R.E.S., said, "Funding for Vermont CARES comes from donations, there are some federal agencies, and some state money, but they really depend on these types of events."

The issue of AIDS is important, Landers said. "The reality is that it won't be long before everyone will know someone who has died of it. Two former St. Michael's students have already died of AIDS."

The wind concert will consist of classical music for band by Holst and Handel and Smith played by the 40-member wind ensemble. The jazz of Count Basie, Neal Hefti and Weather Report will be



Wind ensemble trombone players rehearse for upcoming concerts

photo by Renee Wojcik

played in the big band style by the 20-piece jazz band. A student run jazz quintet will perform as well, Leclair said.

In addition to the AIDS benefit, the Jazz Band will act as ambassadors and performers at three fundraising dinners, which will kick off the college's \$10 million fundraising campaign. The money raised from this campaign will help pay for the library construction, a new field house,

and scholarships, Leclair said.

Their first fundraising concert will be in New York on April 10, the second in Boston on April 11, and the last at Ross Sports Center on April 14. Wind and Jazz will also perform at Parents Weekend in McCarthy Arts Center on April 13 at noon.

The group is working hard, he said. "We have had nearly 100 percent attendance at rehearsals, and

that's nice." Sophomore trombone player Mark Taggart said, "As we get closer to the concerts people really start buckling down and pulling things together. This is what we've been working for."

Wind and jazz returned Sunday from a four day tour to Portland Maine, Boston, Mass. and Glen Rock, New Jersey where they performed a series of alumni concerts.

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Campus energy efficiency a priority for H.E.A.T.

By Caroline Mastreani
STAFF WRITER

As a result of the crisis in the Middle East, the possibility of the severe reduction of oil as an energy resource has grown. The Human Environmental Awareness Team, H.E.A.T., suggests that people not only begin to look for alternative energy sources, but also conserve the energy they have.

This semester, H.E.A.T. plans to focus its efforts on energy efficiency. "We must face the realities of caring for the earth that sustains us and begin to conserve," club member Beth Moynihan said.

Faculty Advisor Dr. Douglas Facey stressed the importance and timeliness of energy awareness. We live in an "energy hungry society" where we are "not nearly as energy efficient as we can be," he said.

One of the key factors in accomplishing H.E.A.T.'s goals is involvement, Moynihan said. "If we hope to make any progress on [the energy issue] we have to involve people," Facey said.

This point is addressed in the group's charter, which says its purpose is to "make the St. Michael's community and surrounding communities aware of and sensitive to environmental issues and concerns and to encourage participation in various activities for the betterment of the environment."

Membership does not require a huge commitment of time, Facey said. Students may choose to work with H.E.A.T. on a



single project, he said. "Most of what the group does is dictated by the members," he said.

In an effort to educate the St. Michael's community and promote energy awareness, the group will be sponsoring several events.

The main event they are sponsoring this semester is a conservation contest among the four dorms in the quad, Moynihan said. The goals of the contest are to increase awareness, to save energy by changing consumption habits and to actively involve the students, she said.

The dorms are competing to see which consumes the least amount of energy in terms of water, fuel and power, she said. A weekly financial award in each category will be made to the dorm with the lowest consumption, she said.

The contest will run for three weeks, possibly longer, depending on its success, she said. Other

buildings may be included if this project is successful, she said.

People are "easily overwhelmed" by current environmental threats and concerns, Facey said. Most believe that, as a single person, they can't do anything to make a difference, he said.

This contest is something "close to home" that students can use to show their concern for their environment, Moynihan said.

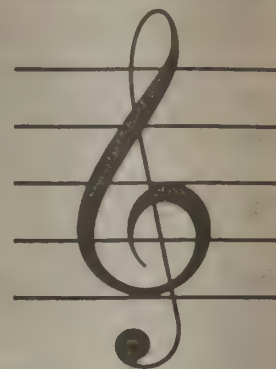
An understanding of energy conservation is an important concept, Moynihan said.

We must be aware of "the kind of planet we are going to leave the people after us," Facey said.

Facey expressed this idea clearly when he quoted Mary Catherine Bateson: "We do not inherit the earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children."

St. Mike's folk choir tours New Orleans on a song

By Scott Merzbach
STAFF WRITER



The St. Michael's College folk choir completed a trip to New Orleans during February break in which they performed at Xavier University and at St. Peter Claver Parish, according to members of the choir.

John Penoyar, the leader of the choir and a member of campus ministry, said the purpose of the trip was twofold. The students went down primarily to sing at St. Peter Claver parish and at the predominantly African-American Xavier University. The choir members also resided in the homes of parishioners. The trip acted as an "aspect of cultural exchange," Penoyar said.

Folk choir members went to a 9 a.m. mass at St. Peter Claver on Feb. 24 to listen to that parish's choir, sophomore choir member Craig Belmore said. At the 11 a.m. mass, the St. Michael's group performed at the same parish. In the evening, they sang at Xavier.

On the preceding night, an "informal jam session" was held in which the three choirs performed together, Belmore said. The participants "ate, danced, and sang," Belmore said.

The choir departed from Vermont on Feb. 21

for New Orleans, Belmore said. The students settled in at the homes of their hosts that night, and then enjoyed a potluck meal.

On Feb. 22, members were able to tour the city, including the famous French Quarter, Belmore said. That night, the Xavier choir sang for the St. Michael's students.

The hosts were "very protective of the students," Belmore said, because the community was somewhat dangerous. Belmore noted the warmth and "community spirit" of the hosts.

Forty-three students participated in the trip, which ended Feb. 25. The trip was financed through grants from the Edmundite community, Penoyar said, and through a fund raising raffle, in which the folk choir solicited donations. Students had to pay a fee for the flight, Belmore said.

This was the second time St. Michael's students visited Xavier, Penoyar said. In alternating years, the choir from Xavier comes to St. Michael's.

The Fireside offers students a relaxing, social study break

By Katie Conley
STAFF WRITER

The "Fireside" takes place every Wednesday night in Allot from nine to 10 p.m. The fire is lit on cold nights, but there is always free food, hot chocolate, coffee and music.

The Allot Governing Board sponsors with money allotted by the Student Association. Dore Whitman and Sarah O'Neil, members of the Governing Board, organized "Fireside" to create a "relaxing, social atmosphere and to give

students a study break." Whitman and O'Neil said they've noticed a drop in the number of students who have attended this semester and they hope that more students will start coming. O'Neil thinks that "a lot of the students don't know about it, or they don't know that it's being continued from first semester."

There are a number of students who attend "Fireside." Andy Gelinis said he found out about it from a friend he was studying with and that he is "in-

spired to study harder after taking my break."

Tracy Flanagan stumbled upon the fireside last semester on his way to Greensleeves. "It's a great idea. It's a nice study break. I usually hang out for a half an hour or so," he said. His friends, Scooter Callahan and Tim Dunning said that they come for the food, but the social atmosphere keeps them there.

Although the "Fireside" runs from nine to ten o'clock, O'Neil said that students usually stay later.



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Events Calendar

By Matt Mowry
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Wed. March 13

Tickets for the Junior semi, on March 22 at the Hampton Inn, will be on sale in Alliot Hall during meal hours till March 15. Tickets cost \$10 per person.

David Cale will perform at the Flynn Theatre at 8pm. Tickets are available at the Flynn Box Office and cost \$12.

Chorale 4 to 5:30 p.m. in rm.134 McCarthy. New members welcome.

Italian Night on North Campus during dinner every Wednesday night.

Thursday March 14

Matthew Buckley performs with Celtic instruments for St. Patrick's Day at 7:30pm at the Daily Bread Bakery and Cafe on Bridge St.,

Richmond. Cost is \$3.50. **The Clancy Brothers and Robbie O'Connell** will perform Irish song, humor, poetry and wit at the Flynn Theatre at 8pm. Tickets are available at the Flynn Box Office and cost \$17, \$15 and \$12.

Sunday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Love Letters performed at the Flynn Theatre at 8pm. Tickets are available at the Flynn Box Office and cost \$25.50.

Air Jazz, performing dance, juggling and mime at the Flynn Theater, Burlington at 1 p.m. Call 86-Flynn for tickets and information. Tickets are \$8.50/ \$6.50.

Monday, March 18

Defender story meeting at 6:30pm in the upper Alliot lounge.

Chorale 6 to 7:15 p.m. in

rm.134 McCarthy, new members welcome

Tuesday, March 19

Jazz every Tues. night at Sneakers on 36 Main St., Winooski.

Wed. March 20

Fireside at 9pm in Alliot **L.E.A.P. community mass** every Wed. night at 8:30pm in the upper room of the chapel.

Bluegrass with Breakaway every Wed. night at Sneakers on 36 main St., Winooski.

Italian Night at North Campus every Wednesday.

Movies

Merrill's Showcase, Williston Rd., So. Burlington, exit 14E, I-89. (863-4494). Tickets-\$6.

The Silence of the Lambs, R, 7:00,9:30.
Sleeping With the Enemy, R, 7:15,9:25.
The Never Ending Story II, PG, Weekend Matinee
Mr. & Mrs. Bridge, PG-13, 6:50,9:15.
He Said, She Said, PG-13, 7:05,9:10. (Ends Thurs.)
Once Around, R, 6:55,9:20.

Century Plaza, Dorset St., So. Burlington, Opposite University Mall, Exit 14-E, I-89. (862-4343). Tickets-\$6.

The Grifters, R, 7:10.
Home Alone, PG, 7:00,9:15.
King Ralph, PG, 7:20,9:20.
Nothing But Trouble, PG-13, 9:10. (Ends Thurs.)

Ethan Allen Cinemas, Ethan Allen Shopping Center, No. Ave., Burlington. (863-6040). Tickets-Matinee-\$2, Evening-\$3.

Awakenings, PG-13, 7:00,9:25.

Ghost, PG-13, 6:50,9:15.

Kindergarten Cop, PG-13, 7:10,9:20.

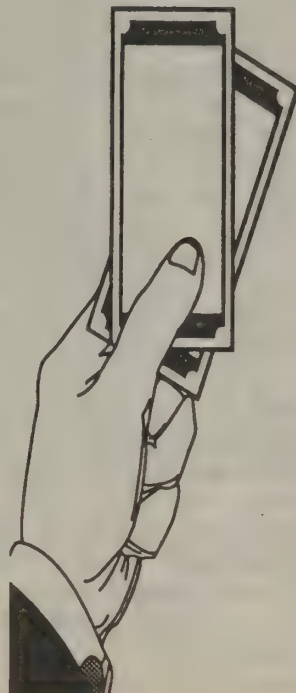
Hamlet, PG, 6:40. (Ends Thurs.).

Mermaids, PG-13, 9:10. (Ends Thurs.).

Loews Nickelodeon, 222 College St., Burlington. (863-9515). Tickets-\$6.

L.A. Story, PG-13,

1:10,3:10,5:10,7:10,9:20.
Shipwrecked, PG, 1:40,3:40,5:30,7:40,10:00.
Scenes From A Mall, R, 1:30,3:30,5:20,7:30,9:30.
Dances With Wolves, PG-13, 1:20,4:55,8:30.
White Fang, PG, 12:50,3:10,5:30.
Green Card, PG-13, 7:50,10:00.
The Doors, R, 1:00,4:00,7:00,9:45 (In Dolby Stereo With Surround).



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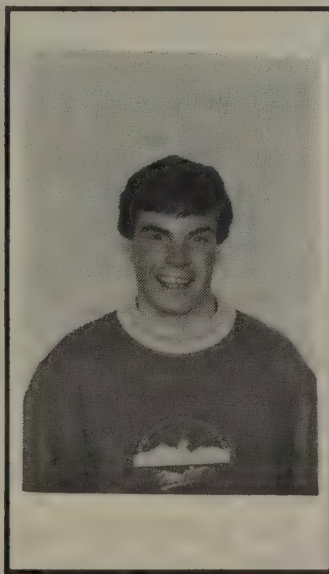
Have you ever had the luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day?

By Matt Mowry and Renee Wojcek
ASSISTANT EDITOR AND ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR



Eric Caputo, Junior

"Anyone who ever went to a good Catholic school growing up knows St. Patrick was Italian and he actually traveled to Ireland to save them from the serpents. Therefore, the luck of the Irish is actually due to an Italian. I have the luck of just being Italian."



Dan Bogdan, Sophomore

"I have the luck of the Irish all the time. To be Irish is to be lucky."



Andrea Roderick, Freshman

"In kindergarten on St. Patrick's Day we got our lunch boxes and there were green sparkles in them. Our teacher told us that the leprechauns came and left them. I really believed her!"



Laura Kilmartin, Junior

"Senior year in high school I was in charge of a carnation sale. The carnations were to be delivered on St. Patrick's Day. When I went to the florist, half of them were dead. We tried spray painting white ones but it didn't work. No, I didn't have the luck of the Irish that day and I'm very Irish."



Jim Barton, Sophomore

"No, I've never had. Last year on St. Patrick's Day one of my close, personal friends was pulled over by the respectable South Burlington police because he was speeding. However, he was also swerving, swaying, and crossing over the double line and there were nine kids in his compact car. The officer arrested the driver because they gave him a breathalyzer test and he failed his GPA."

Baseball team ready to be competitive in NE-10 play

Continued from p.20

pitchers combined for an earned run average of only 2.13. Outstanding performances from outfielders Rob Teas and Reid Crosby and great relief pitching from walk-in transfer Matt Clark also highlighted the week for St. Michael's.

The Knights are enthusiastic about their accomplishments thus far, including their successful attempt to bring the team to Florida for a week of training. "The trip was possible because of a lot of hard work by the guys on the team," Bove said. "We were the first team in 69 years to attempt this (Florida trip)."

St. Michael's Athletic Director Ed Markey expressed his admiration for the accomplishments of the team so far this year. "I want it made very clear that the trip was subsidized by the players themselves and they did a great job," Markey said. "I'm very receptive to helping any of our programs here if they can help themselves too."

Bove is looking forward to improving on last season's 4-20 record and is optimistic about the team's chances for success this season.

"These (the games at Winter Haven) are mental victories for us if you look at last year when we were sometimes down 15 and 16 to nothing," Bove said. "We brought some maturity down here with us and played beyond what we thought we would."

"Enthusiasm without knowledge is like running in the dark."

**- Perry Bove
Head Coach**

Bove said even though the team is struggling he couldn't be happier with his players' dedication and effort.

"This team means more to me than any team in the 24 years I've been with the game," Bove said. "We're struggling together, but these kids are out there giving it 100 percent and having fun. If it's not fun, it's not worth doing."

The team realizes



Photo by Tracey Keeler

Pitcher Nick Koman is expected to help the St. Michael's baseball team become more competitive in the Northeast-10 this spring.

that the competition they have faced so far this season is not of the caliber of that in the Northeast-10, but no one seems too worried. "We feel we're really prepared for this season and we're going to be as competitive as we can for our talent," Bove said.

"We may get our heads knocked around a bit, but if our pitching can stand up in the NE-10 we're going to be in a lot of games we were out of in the third inning last season," Bove said. "We're going to be as competitive as we can for our talent."

Sophomore Brian Rayder says the team is more confident this year and may start to cause trouble for its opponents in the NE-10.

"Last year we were intimidated and we got psyched out playing Division II teams that were nationally ranked," Rayder said. "We have more experience this year and the team is really starting to gel. I think we're going to surprise a lot of teams this year."

Rayder agreed much of the credit for the team's success so far this season must be given to the coaching staff. "Coach (Bove) is never negative

and is never down on the team," Rayder said. "Both coaches (Greg Wells and Len Whitehouse) deserve a lot of credit for bringing this team together."

Bove, Wells and Whitehouse combine to make up arguably the most talented and experienced coaching staff in the NE-10.

Bove has more than 25 years coaching experience under his belt, including head coaching jobs at BFA St. Albans and the Northern League Burlington Athletics (a semi-pro team in Vermont).

Whitehouse, the Knights' pitching coach, had a 10-year baseball career as a pitcher with the Minnesota Twins and Texas Rangers and delivered Reggie Jackson his 2,000th career strikeout.

Coach Wells was an All-American infielder at American University and gives the team the experience it needs to run a successful infield.

"I'm probably the luckiest coach in the NE-10 to have Greg and Len coaching with me," Bove said. "I wouldn't be much of a head coach without them."

The coaching staff has brought an over-

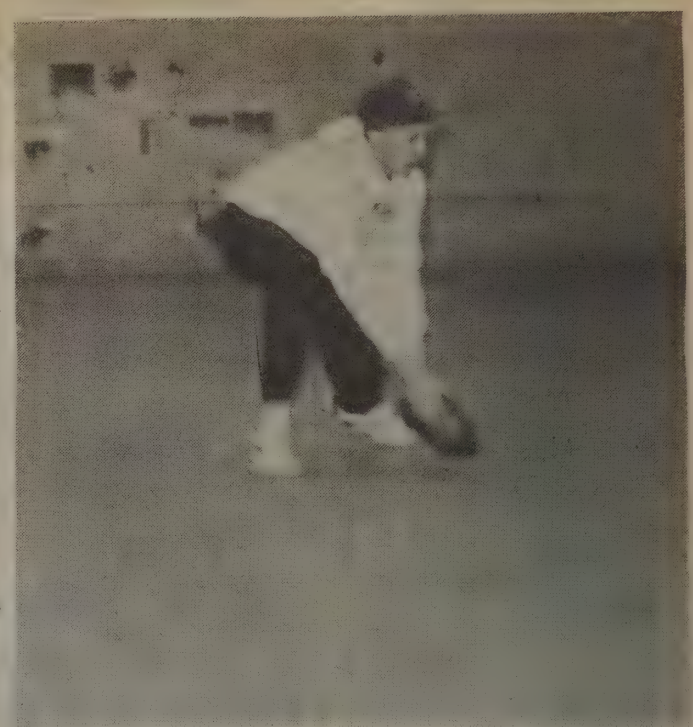


Photo by Julie King

The St. Michael's baseball team, seen here practicing at the North Campus Gym, was finally able to get outdoors and spend a week of training in Winter Haven, Fla.

whelming enthusiasm to the baseball program at St. Michael's, but Bove realizes that the receptiveness of his players is just as important.

"Enthusiasm without knowledge is like running in the dark," Bove said. "Knowledge is gained through communication and the key to any good organization is communication. I think we have that here with the coaches and the players."

The Knights open

their regular season March 24, against a tough Assumption team and are hoping to give coach Bove his 200th career victory.

The season looks to be an optimistic one for St. Michael's, but Bove and his team aren't expecting to go out and beat everyone they play. "We'll give those teams that pounded us last year a little fright," Bove said. "We get to be the spoiler this year."

New men's lax coach hoping to bring the team continuity

By Kevin M. Butler
STAFF WRITER

Being competitive in the NE-10 is the goal of John Castle, the new men's lacrosse coach at St. Michael's.

Castle was first introduced to the sport at Middlebury College, where he played lacrosse and football, and eventually ended up coaching as a graduate assistant. He also worked in the admissions office last year at Middlebury.

Before becoming head lacrosse coach at Middlebury, Castle was the assistant coach for football and lacrosse at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

"I heard about the job from Middlebury's head lacrosse coach, and I followed up on it," Castle said. "The chance to have my own program was something that I longed for."

Castle, a native Vermonter, said while at Trinity he wanted to come back

to Vermont because he liked the Burlington area. He said he is looking for a teaching job in the Colchester or Burlington area to supplement his part-time job here as a coach.

"I have made a very serious commitment to be here indefinitely. I think the program needs some continuity," Castle said. "It is a privilege to work here. The athletic program here is great. I feel very at home here."

Edward Markey, Athletic Director at St. Michael's, says the program is extremely fortunate to have hired Castle because the program needed someone with his background, experience, and dedication.

"John is new, so it may be rough for him in the beginning, but he's got expertise and knowledge of the game," Markey said. "How good we are depends

on our players and their commitment to the game."

"I am very pleased with the effort and the commitment of the team," Castle said. "We have adjusted to each other well."

He said he thinks the St. Michael's lacrosse team has the potential to be competitive in every game.

Castle's expectations for the upcoming season are for the team to play the best lacrosse possible.

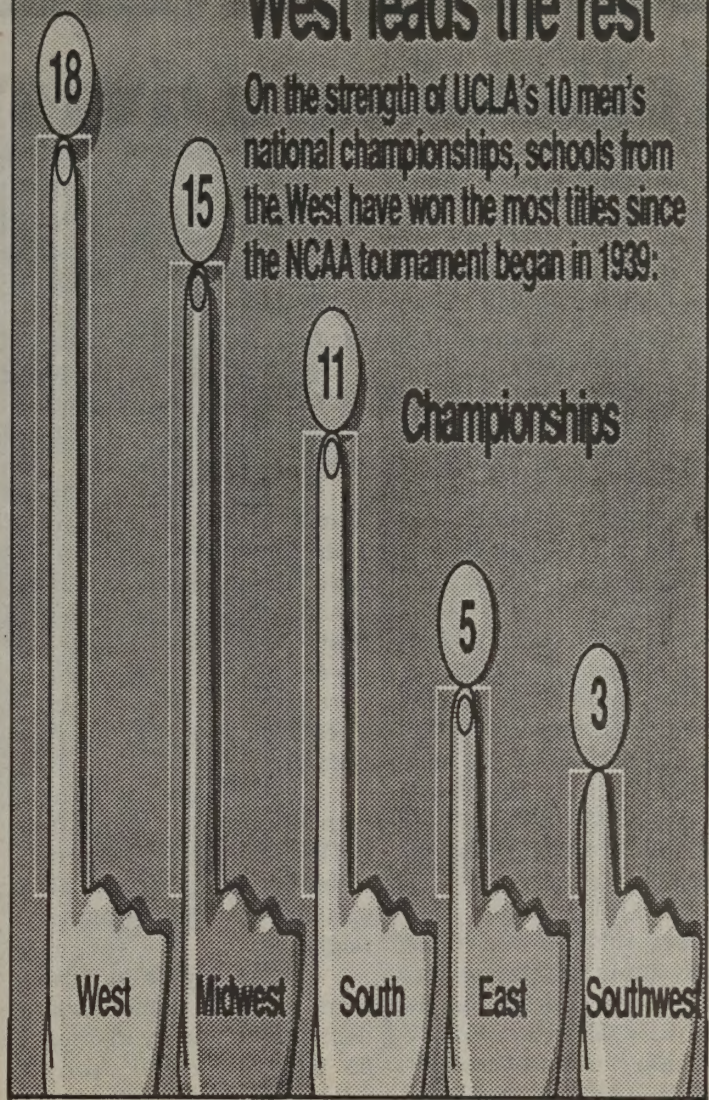
"I'm not worried about our record, if we play well and keep improving after every game and practice, our record will take care of itself."

Markey said that he is interested to see how far the team has come over the past year.

The team's first scrimmage of the season will be this weekend against Northeastern University.

West leads the rest

On the strength of UCLA's 10 men's national championships, schools from the West have won the most titles since the NCAA tournament began in 1939:



Source: USA TODAY research Elys McLean-Ibrahim, USA TODAY

Top-ranked UNLV goes into the 1991 Final Four tournament with a chance to add to the West's lead of NCAA National Titles. The Running Rebels are led by AP All-Americans Larry Johnson and Stacey Augmon.

UNLV is the number one seed in the West region and is joined by Ohio State, North Carolina, and Arkansas as the other top regional seeds. The Rebels are the defending champions and are currently riding a 41-game winning streak.

The tournament of 64 teams begins play on Thursday. Look for coverage on the Final Four in next week's issue.

Late season skid ends Knight's playoff hopes

By David Provost
SPORTS EDITOR

with 6 rebounds and two assists.

Any hopes of post-season play were dashed as St. Michael's closed out its Northeast-10 season with five consecutive losses.

The Purple Knights lost their final game to Merrimack 91-61 on Feb. 28, after falling to American International College 79-53 on Feb. 26.

St. Michael's lost its last five games by a combined total of 84 points. Four of its last five games were on the road.

Merrimack shot 10 of 16 from the three-point line in its victory over the Purple Knights.

Sean Earl led the way for St. Michael's with 12 points. Senior Bryan Duffy, in his last game as a Purple Knight, contributed

Merrimack had four players in double figures including Michael Gallagher (18 pts.) and Paul Neal (17 pts.).

With the loss, the Purple Knights ended the season at 9-17 overall and 5-13 in the NE-10. Merrimack finished the regular season at 20-7, 14-4 in conference play.

A slow start plagued the Purple Knights in their road game against A.I.C. St. Michael's managed only 19 first-half points and never fully recovered.

Bryan Duffy and Monroe Blakes led the Purple Knights' scoring with eight points apiece.

Roscoe Patterson of A.I.C. scored 19 points to lead the way for the Yellowjackets.



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Ski teams finish second for season following Division II Championships

By Aaron Henson
STAFF WRITER

The St. Michael's alpine and nordic ski teams finished the season in fine form at the NCAA Division II Championships on Feb. 15 and 16. The combined point totals for the men and women's alpine and nordic squads put St. Michael's in second place, behind Colby College, for the overall 1991 ski season.

The giant slalom and slalom took place at Attitash in New Hampshire and the 15-kilometer classical race and 3 x 7.5-kilometer freestyle race were held at the Troll Valley Nordic center in Farmington, Maine.

Alpine coach Lou Barber said he was especially proud of the performances of Brooke Bobela and Lori McClallen, whose individual efforts throughout the season qualified them for the Division I Regional Championships at the Middlebury Snow Bowl.

Shelby King of the men's alpine team and Jodi Bush of the women's alpine team were chosen as alternates for the Division I Regionals.

Dan Tuohy, who switched from the nordic team to the alpine team midway through the season, also skied very well at Attitash, taking 15th for his combined giant slalom and slalom runs.

In the nordic meet at Troll Valley, several inches of new snow provided fantastic conditions and helped the Lady Knights ski past all rivals to a first place finish for the division.

Rachel Hatch of St. Michael's was the individual women's champion, while Colleen McBrien and senior Lisa Lambert took 3rd and 7th place finishes. Sarah Kenney, Kristen Lohman and Beth Mullane all finished in the top 20.

Once again, the women's relay team of Hatch, McBrien and Lambert won by a considerable margin. McBrien, still in her first season, opened up a 50-second lead while Lambert, suffering from a cold, duelled closely with Colby's second skier.

Hatch then blew the competition away on the final leg of the relay. McBrien, Lambert and Hatch all qualified for the Division I Regionals.

The men's nordic team showed tremendous depth at the championships as Purple Knight Andy Gelinas finished just a few seconds behind 1st place, taking 2nd in the 15-kilometer event.

Senior John Dempsey and junior Tim Flynn pressed hard on the hills to finish with 8th and 11th.

The relay team of Gelinas, Dempsey and Flynn were able to edge out all but Colby College. Gelinas and Dempsey will advance to the Division I Regionals.

Ed Storey, Aaron Henson and Brent Francis combined to beat the top relay teams from MIT, Johnson State and Colby-Sawyer.

Nordic Coach Craig Ohlson said he is eager to see his racers compete at



Photo by Jeremy Spohr

Nordic skier Andrew Gelinas continued to lead St. Michael's to impressive finishes at the Division II Championships at Troll Valley in Farmington, ME.

Middlebury because Gelinas and Hatch have a fighting chance at winning a spot in the national championships at Park City, Utah.

Ohlson also said he is proud of the performances of seniors Dempsey and Lambert, who finally made

it to the Division I Regionals after three years of steady, determined training.

The nordic Division I Regional Championships at Middlebury suffered from poor skiing conditions. The race was

supposed to be a classical technique, but was changed to a 15-kilometer skating race.

Although official results were not available, Hatch finished 24th. A 17th place finish or better is needed to qualify for the nationals.

Road win helps Ice Knights end season on a high note

By Bruce Zeman Jr.
STAFF WRITER

The St. Michael's College hockey team finished its 1990-91 season with an impressive 5-3 victory over the Skidmore Thoroughbreds at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

After searching for an identity for most of the season, the Ice Knights outskated, outplayed and physically dominated the playoff-bound Thoroughbreds.

The tempo of the game was set by the Knights early in the first period when Senior Rob

Lyons gave the Knights a 1-0 lead. Lyons skated into the slot and beat Thoroughbred goaltender Scott Hook with a shot to the right corner.

The Ice Knights led 1-0 after one, and continued to put pressure on Skidmore as Steve Heney scored twice to give St. Michael's a 3-0 lead midway through the second period.

After building a seemingly insurmountable lead, the Ice Knights were firing on all eight cylinders when a controversial penalty was called on

defenseman Adam Wausiewicz.

After a pile-up in front of Knights' goaltender Mark Crowley, Wausiewicz tried to clear Skidmore's Rich Nestro from the crease.

Nestro held his ground, but Wausiewicz subsequently sending him across the ice into another zip code, in what appeared to be a good defensive play.

The officials did not agree, and as a result, assessed St. Michael's with a five-minute penalty.

Skidmore's offense had been stymied by Crowley all afternoon, but

it came to life when Nestro and teammate Rich Hiller combined to score three goals to tie the game at 3-3.

After the penalty expired, Coach Lou DiMasi rallied his troops, and a Joe Beukers' tally late in the second gave the Ice Knights a 4-3 lead at the end of two.

When the third period began, the Thoroughbreds came out flying, but were repeatedly stopped by Crowley.

Lyons eventually put the game out of reach when he scored an empty

net goal with 23 seconds remaining.

"It was a nerve-wracking, but exciting game for me," Crowley said. "I got my first varsity win here four years ago, and it's special that I got my last one here too."

With the win, the Ice Knights concluded their season with an impressive 3-1-2 run.

"It was a big win for us," Crowley said. "Skidmore has great fans and a great team."

Crowley finished the game with 42 saves, while Hook stopped 30 shots.

Culpo 'walks on' into starting role

Long search brings sophomore point guard to college

By Richard P. Morin II
STAFF WRITER

College basketball recruiting is considered a science. Coaches and scouts measure and label high school players throughout the country in their search for the next Michael Jordan.

As in any science, facts and figures seem to tell the story, but this may not always be true. Paul Culpo fell victim to numbers, being labeled for his height and was almost denied a chance to achieve his dream to play college basketball.

Culpo, 5-10, moved on despite the labels and has just finished his second year as a walk-on player for the St. Michael's College men's basketball team. His journey to Vermont can best be described as an "odyssey."

Culpo was a successful point guard for St. Joseph's High School in Pittsfield, Mass. A four-year varsity player, Culpo started at point guard his junior and senior years. He averaged 22 points, six assists and five rebounds a game his senior year, and also set the school's season assist record with 215.

St. Joseph's played Cohasset High School in the state championship game in 1988. Cohasset

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- Paul Culpo

boasted Massachusetts' all-time scorer at the time in Bryan Edwards, who later went on to play at Boston College. St. Joseph's defeated Cohasset with strong play from Culpo.

The Boston Herald was quoted as saying, "If Bryan Edwards is going to Boston College, Paul Culpo should be going to Chapel Hill (North Carolina)."

After the state championship game press

conference Culpo was greeted by the South-eastern Massachusetts University coach, who had wanted to sign him on the spot, but was later astonished with Culpo's height when meeting him in person.

The University of Lowell, Division II National Champions at the time, also recruited Culpo but like many schools backed away at the last minute.

"Many schools liked the way I played, but thought I was just too small and not athletic enough," Culpo said.

Culpo, disappointed and not wanting to attend a Division III school to play basketball, enrolled at Suffield Academy for a year of prep school. He hoped the extra year would allow him to develop physically.

Culpo continued his on-court performance averaging 22 points, and five steals a game at Suffield. Northeastern University, Assumption College and various Division III schools showed interest.

Northeastern and Assumption, two schools Culpo was enthusiastic about, decided against signing him because of his size. Dejected and confused, Culpo applied to schools throughout New England.

"The thing that was frustrating was that guys I had played against in prep school were going to Division I schools and I was All-New England. No one, except Division III schools with academics that my family and I didn't think were that good, showed any true interest. It was so frustrating," he said.

Culpo said he became so depressed over his failure to be recruited that he began to think he would not play college basketball at all.

A coach from the University of Connecticut told Culpo not to give up his hopes. "He said I was an excellent point guard who knew the game. He said it would be a shame if I didn't play."

His college choices were narrowed to Boston College, Providence College and St. Michael's College, and he knew realistically he could

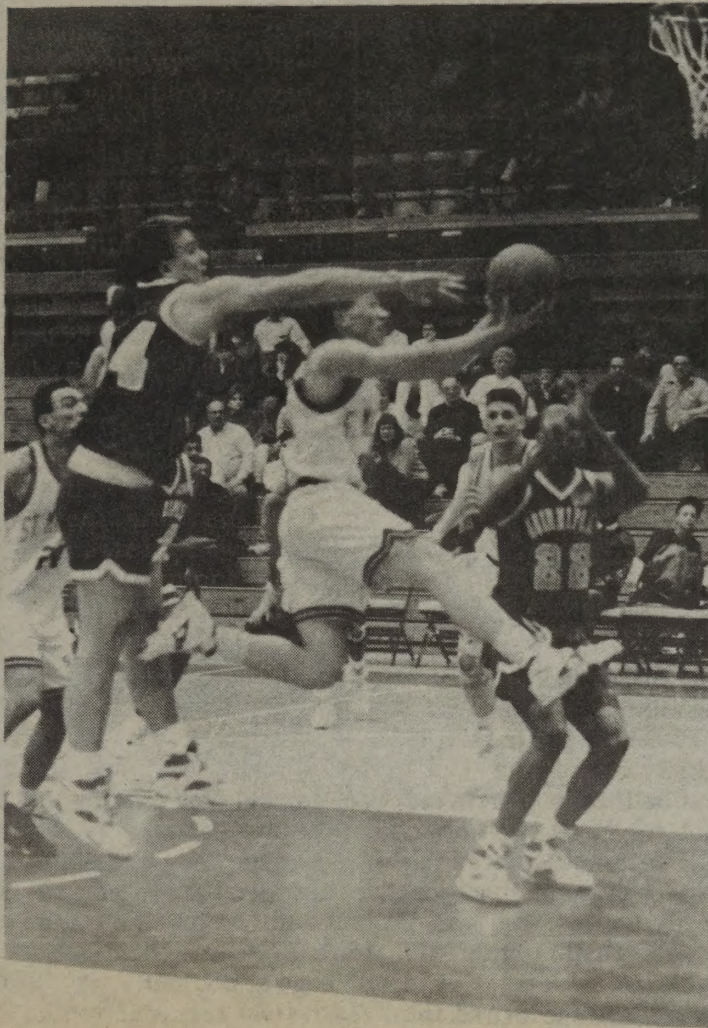


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Sophomore Paul Culpo, a walk-on player for the Purple Knights, won himself a starting role on the St. Michael's basketball team after a difficult search for the right college program.

not play at Boston College. A scholarship offer from Providence for baseball also factored into Culpo's decision.

Despite the doubts of then-St. Michael's Head Coach Jim Casciano, Culpo decided that he wanted to prove to everyone that he could play basketball at St. Michael's. Culpo thought this to be the best place, knowing if he failed he could play baseball.

The day of his scheduled visit to Vermont, Casciano resigned his position, leaving Culpo in limbo. Culpo then declined an invitation to meet Jerry Welch, coach of the Division III Champion Potsdam College, because of the academics at Potsdam.

He made his way to St. Michael's where he was greeted by Assistant Coach Dave Blake who said if he was given the new coaching position, Culpo would get a shot at

the team. Unfortunately for Culpo, Barry Parkhill was named head coach of the Purple Knights.

"I didn't know what was going on. One coach was gone, the next was telling me I could play and he ended up not being the coach. I showed up in Barry Parkhill's office and he said start working out with the team. He gave me the shot," Culpo said.

Culpo made the team and saw limited action in his freshman year. Parkhill resigned and Culpo was again in limbo without a coach and possibly without

a team. New coach Tom Crowley arrived from Stanford University and again Culpo proved himself, beating out a scholarship player for one of the final roster spots.

Culpo started a number of games at point guard for the Knights this season, emerging as a key player and averaging a modest 3.5 points and 3.5 assists a game.

"Paul is a point guard who understands the game," Crowley said. "He stays within the framework of his capabilities. He has tremendous enthusiasm for the game and that is what makes him tick." He added that Culpo has exceeded the expectations that you would associate with a walk-on.

The question of whether he deserves a scholarship comes up once a day from friends, peers and himself, Culpo said. "I'm always asked about a scholarship. I try not to think about it, but sometimes I do because of how much I put into playing. I'm just trying to work toward helping the team. And will look toward that next year when the time

Culpo's season highs

Points-11 vs. Lowell
12/10/90

Assists-6, twice

Rebounds-4, four times

comes."

Some players have a chance to fall back on their scholarships but Culpo doesn't.

"I am playing basketball out of the love of the game. Being a walk-on there is no other reason for playing. If I didn't love the game it would be self-torture. I love the game and it has been worth it the last year and a half," Culpo said.

"It is only a game and there are people out there who are struggling to survive. I'm blessed to be playing college basketball in front of hundreds of people."

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Lady Knights' season ends in ECAC semifinial loss to New Hampshire

By J.D. Enright
STAFF WRITER

The St. Michael's College women's basketball season, which started in high gear back in November, finally came to a disappointing end Saturday in West Chester, Pa. Turnovers and poor shooting plagued the Lady Knights (seeded 3rd) as they lost to second seeded New Hampshire College (NHC), 80-68, in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II semifinals.

"You want to finish on a positive note," senior co-captain and center Dorothy Mayer said. "But, on the whole, we were glad to be able to get here."

Actually, that the Lady Knights were there was surprising to the team. If anyone had asked Head Coach Sue Duprat on Feb. 27 if the Lady Knights were going to see any more postseason play, she would have said, "no."

The Lady Knights had lost five of their last six games after starting the season 16-5. They had just lost in the Northeast-10 Conference quarterfinals to

Assumption College, 70-59.

"I think this was it," Duprat said after the Assumption game. "I think we really needed to win this to have a chance [for the ECACs], and I really think it's over."

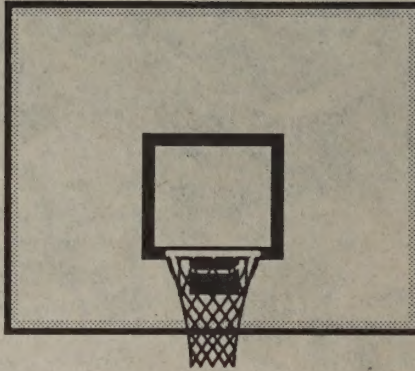
On March 4, the Lady Knights learned they had been invited to the tournament for the second time in as many years. Last year, St. Michael's lost to Lowell in the ECAC finals. So this offered a chance for redemption.

The Lady Penmen jumped out to a 12-5 lead by the 16:33 mark of the first half. St. Michael's cut that to 14-10 two-and-a-half minutes later on a jumper by sophomore forward Amy Molina.

After NHC built its lead back to seven on the strength of free throws, the Lady Knights pulled back to within two. A great second effort by Mayer underneath made the score 21-19, Lady Penmen, with nine

minutes left in the half.

NHC junior guard Diana Odoardi then took over. Odoardi nailed a three-pointer to key a 16-3 New Hampshire run over the next four minutes. She had seven of those 16



points, and finished with 13 on the afternoon.

The Lady Knights turned the ball over 20 times in the first half and the Lady Penmen held a 45-32 edge at the half.

The two teams played it even in the second half. After New Hampshire extended its lead to 49-32, the Lady Knights fought back. A nice dish in the lane from

freshman B.J. Sehlmeier to freshman guard Lynne Liebhauser for a layup cut the Lady Penmen's lead down to 11, 51-40, with 13:32 left to play.

However, poor shooting hurt St. Michael's in the half. The Lady Knights shot 32.5 percent (13-40) from the field in the half and 36.2 percent (25-69) for the game.

"We knew what we had to do, but a lot of little things didn't come together for us," Mayer said. "In our second-half attempts to come back, our shots weren't falling. Our effort was there, but we just weren't producing."

The Lady Knights couldn't get any closer than the final margin the rest of the way. Senior center Julie Clarcia led the Lady Penmen with 22 points and seven rebounds. Molina led the Lady Knights with 16 points and seven

boards. Junior forward Karen Monahan, who fouled out with 2:40 left, had 11 points and six rebounds. Senior co-captain and guard Anne Marie McLoughlin had 13 points.

One bright spot for St. Michael's was Sehlmeier, who had eight points and six boards in relief of injured junior center Sarah Turkington. Turkington has been playing on an injured knee since January, but still combined with Sehlmeier for 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Inexperience may have also played a part in the loss, and the Lady Knights' struggles in the latter part of the season. The only senior who saw double-digit playing time was McLoughlin (30 minutes).

"When you lose a player like Turkington, and lose, it's not because we don't have a lot of depth in talent," Duprat said. "It's because we don't have a lot of depth in experience."

The Lady Knights finish their season at 17-11, 11-7 in the NE-10.

Future looks bright for SMC baseball program

By Keith Leonard
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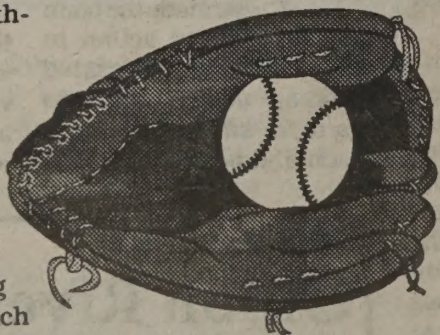
For the first time in its history, the St. Michael's College baseball team spent a week in Winter Haven, Fla., preparing for the upcoming season showing observers that they may be competitive in the Northeast-10 this spring.

After finishing the regular season 4-20 last year, the Purple Knights jumped out to an 11-2 record this fall and left Winter Haven with a 3-2 mark that has merited nothing but praise from Head Coach Perry Bove.

In only its second year since 1981, the St. Michael's College baseball team has made great strides to improve its program and is looking to continue the rich tradition of baseball that survived 66

seasons at the college before being dismantled in 1981.

The team's impressive fall season and successful trip to Winter Haven are only the beginning of what may



be a surprising regular season for the Purple Knights.

While at Winter Haven, St. Michael's swept three games from Concordia University with some impressive individual performances from pitch-

ers Rob Russo and Jeff Boucher.

Russo overpowered Concordia with a one-hit, nine-strikeout performance and went 3 for 3 with three RBI to lead the the Knights to a 5-1 win. In the nightcap, Boucher had 13 strikeouts and gave up only four hits while going 2 for 4 with one RBI in the Knights' 5-0 victory.

St. Michael's played tough the rest of the week and dropped a pair to Warner Southern, who already had 15 games under its belt this season, and Alvernia University, a team that won 26 games in its Florida league last year.

Throughout the week, the Knights committed only five errors and their

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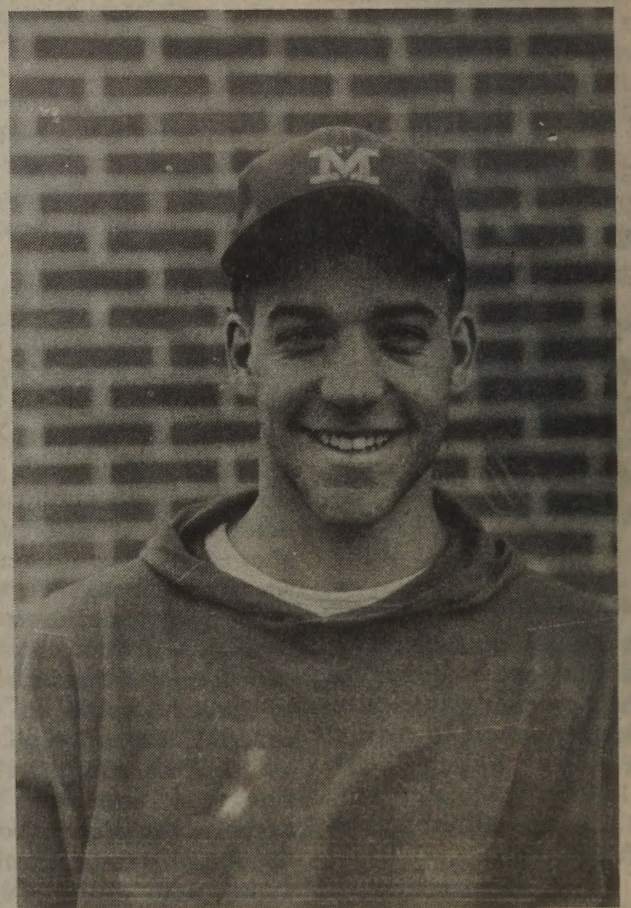


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Sophomore pitcher Rob Russo had a one-hit, nine-strikeout performance and went 3 for 3 with three RBI in a 5-1 win over Concordia University. He led his team to a 3-2 record during its trip to Winter Haven, Fla.